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Marshall To Meet Special Envoys

Washington, Jan. 9.—Secretary George Marshall said he planned personal conferences with two special envoys Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has dispatched to consult with the administration on plans for aid to China.

The State Department indicated the envoys are expected to arrive this week and the Chinese Embassy said it might be later. "As far as we know they have not yet left China," an Embassy spokesman said. "They may be delayed arriving here, but he declined to indicate when they are expected. The administration's China aid programme which Mr Marshall forecast was likely to require an estimated US\$300,000,000 over 15 months beginning in April has been worked out in full detail but still requires several decisions."

INTRICATE AFFAIRS

"These decisions," said Mr Marshall, "involve other governmental agencies and are intricate monetary affairs."

That the plan will be placed before Congress shortly was indicated when newsmen asked if the plan would be presented within a matter of weeks. Mr Marshall replied he does not say it would be delayed but long.

Chinese envoys Yu Ta-wai and Yu Tu-yeo are expected to be given an opportunity to state their views on desired American assistance before the plan goes before Congress.

Mr Marshall, speaking of other financial matters, said he understands that the latent Soviet proposal demanding a big four meeting on a Japanese peace settlement has been turned down by the Chinese and probably by the British and the United States.

He said he sees virtually no chance in this proposal from an earlier Soviet plan which the United States rejected. Russia wants to keep the great power of veto over Japanese settlement; the United States does not.—Associated Press.

Fishermen Rescued

San Francisco, Jan. 9.—Pacific Far East Lines said today that five Japanese fishermen, who had been drifting without food since December 10 from their disabled ship Rakuo Maru, were rescued 700 miles east of Okinawa by the PFF freighter Fleetwood.

It said the Fleetwood was bringing the men to San Francisco unless it was able to transfer them to a Japanese ship.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

Plan To Save Europe

WITH painful truth Mr George Marshall told Congress on Thursday that "though war has ended, peace has not commenced." This is the challenging situation confronting the world today, if not rapidly corrected, must in due course develop into yet another war of universal proportions. What to do about it? Mr Marshall has a plan which, while not expected to bring prosperity and contentment overnight to the desolate and bankrupt countries of Europe, is calculated to help them once again to become self-supporting. Russia views the Marshall proposal with frank suspicion, openly describing them as a means of making the recipients but vassals of Wall Street. But the weakness of the Soviet complaint is that Moscow has no alternative plan of sufficient scope to offer. Her own economy and means of production having been seriously crippled by the war, Russia is in no position to assume the role of universal provider which Mr Marshall suggests for the United States. Russia's sneers and jibes are therefore probably motivated more by sour grapes than a serious belief that the Marshall Plan is a gigantic attempt by American capitalism to purchase industry at home which needs to be greatly expanded. Regarded in its fullest form, however, the Marshall Plan is both generous and courageous.—Reuter.

Trouble In Italy

Rome, Jan. 9.—Political agitation spread in Italy today, provoking one shooting, twelve strikes, a bombing attack and mounting disorder.

The increasingly bitter fight between moderate government and extreme Leftist parties affected about 200,000 workers, including 60,000 bank workers whose strike for higher pay paralyzed the payrolls of hundreds of thousands of non-strikers.

Four carabinieri were ambushed on the outskirts of Palermo and one of them was killed.

Left Wing Socialist headquarters at Camporeale, close to Trapani, Sicily, were damaged by a heavy explosion but there were no casualties.—United Press.

AMERICA BOLSTERS TURKISH NAVY

WARSHIPS & SUBMARINES

Washington, Jan. 9.—The Navy disclosed today the bolstering of anti-Communist Turkey's naval power with 15 ships, including four 1,500-ton submarines. The ships are being turned over to the Turkish Navy under the \$400,000,000 programme to help Greece and Turkey hold out against Communist pressure.

Turkey's share in the all military programme is \$100,000,000. The submarines are unmodernised craft built in 1944 but are still capable of firing 10 torpedoes on a single patrol.

The Navy is also preparing for delivery to Turkey eight motor minesweepers, one gasoline tanker, one repair ship and one net laying craft.

Turkey controls the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles, strategically vital straits linking the Black Sea and the Mediterranean. The Turkish control over these narrow waterways would, in the event of hostilities, serve to keep Russia's Black Sea naval forces bottled up. Nearly one half of the Black Sea's coastline belongs to Turkey.

RUSSIA'S STRENGTH

Turkey already has 10 old submarines. Russia is vastly more powerful in both surface and underwater strength but presumably most of the Soviet naval power is in the Baltic.

Russia obtained many of Germany's most modern subs after the

Paratroopers Attack With 3-Inch Mortars

Jerusalem, Jan. 9.—Royal Air Force planes and troops of the crack Cavalry Regiment, the 17th/21st Lancers today routed a force of Arabs, 600 strong, who had swooped on two Jewish settlements near the Syrian-Palestine border. Paratroopers, who were also rushed to stem the Arab attacks, used three-inch mortars to scatter the raiders and break the cordon round the settlements.

Official casualties in the fighting were tonight given as three Jews dead and eight wounded. Some casualties were inflicted on the Arabs, it was believed. Earlier reports said that one Jew was killed and six wounded. British troops drove off the attackers after rushing to the area in response to SOS messages sent before the settlements were surrounded and cut off by the tribesmen.

The two settlements, on the slopes of Mount Hermon, are named Kar Sziad and Tel El Qunda, both close to the Syrian border.

The siren sounded in Jerusalem today for the first time in six weeks when a bomb, wrapped in brown paper, was thrown at an Arab bus near the Ottoman Bank, injuring two Arabs.

The Arab Office in London—an information office of the Arab League—stated tonight that "there were strong rumours that the British Government have agreed that American Marines be landed in Palestine to protect American institutions."

"If these rumours are true, the Arabs will take the gravest possible objection to what Great Britain has done."

"The concurrence of Britain in any such move would, in the first place, be a very serious breach of her undertaking that until she renounces the mandate, she would exercise undivided responsibility in Palestine, refuses to share the authority with anyone else, and maintains the status quo."

DANGEROUS PRINCIPLE

"By agreeing to American military personnel in any numbers, or for any purpose, to come to Palestine at this stage, Britain would be admitting a principle of dangerous and incalculable consequences."

"Once this principle is admitted, the door will be open to foreign military intervention in the Palestine situation and Britain would have been instrumental in allowing this intervention to begin under her protection and while she was still responsible for the government of Palestine."

"She will thus, before withdrawing, have let in those who are the declared supporters of the Zionist cause and opponents of the Arabs."

"Her last action in the Palestine tragedy will be as aimless and hateful to the Arabs as her first, and no claim she may make after that she is withdrawing as an impartial manner will have any substance in Arab eyes."

"The arrival of American military personnel in Palestine, no matter in what guise or how few, will not intimidate the Arabs."

"On the contrary, they will see in it a reckless provocative challenge to which they will react with increased anger and determination."

"It is futile for America to think that she can protect her widespread interests in the whole of the Arab world by sending some military personnel to Palestine."—Reuter.

LAKE SUCCESS MEETING

At Lake Success, the first meeting of the United Nations Palestine Commission opened today, and Dr Karel Lissky, of Czechoslovakia, was unanimously chosen as Chairman of the Commission. Dr Lissky had been a member of the Special Committee on Palestine.

Dr Lissky said he considered the Commission would be the "temporary executive organ" of the General Assembly, that it would not be free to alter the Assembly directives because it was not a policy-making body.

The political moves which might become necessary would have to be taken by the Security Council, he said.

"We are ready to do our very best to the full extent of our possibilities. But nobody can expect miracles from five lonely pilgrims who, at the moment, have only the flag of the United Nations as their means of enforcing partition."

Senior Raoul Diez de Medina, of Bolivia, was unanimously chosen as Vice-Chairman.

Dr Lissky proposed that the Secretary General of the United Nations invite representatives of Britain, the Arab Higher Com-

SINGAPORE STRIKE

Singapore, Jan. 9.—A strike of 5,000 dockers which started today threatens to paralyse the port of Singapore tomorrow.

The men stopped work when the Harbour Board refused the demands made on Wednesday for treble pay for night work, an extra meal a day, bonuses and other improved conditions.

Fifteen per cent of the dockers returned to work tonight.—Reuter.

Europe's Endeavours To Recover From War

Strongly Defended By U.S. Diplomat

Washington, Jan. 9.—Mr Lewis Douglas, the United States Ambassador to Britain, today defended the 16 Western European nations against Congressional accusations of inefficiency and bungling in handling their own recovery problems.

"It is easy for us to blow policies and what appears to be vacillation and timidity of some of these countries with distant criticism, but I venture to say that if we had the same troubles, we would do little better than they have done."

Mr Douglas, giving evidence during the second day of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings on the Marshall Plan, said that the policies of some European governments were certainly in part open to criticism, but principally today's crisis is due directly to the war and to no other cause."

Echoing Mr Marshall's warning, Mr Douglas said that Europe might descend to dictatorship of a police state "if we do nothing or do something inadequately."

ARMED CAMP DANGER

Referring to Europe's spheres of influence over the Mediterranean and North Africa and points farther afield, Mr Douglas declared: "If Europe should fall, these extraordinarily strategic points would be lost to us with incalculable consequences."

"We would live in an armed camp. We would be subjected to a variety of controls and regulations incompatible with our present way of life."

Like Mr Marshall, he declared: "We must be careful not to interfere with the internal affairs of these countries or impose undesirable conditions on the granting of aid."

Most of the 12,000 Hamburg dock workers who had been on strike for the past four days in protest against the food situation returned to work today, apparently because they realized that a continuation of the strike would jeopardize the food supplies.

Workers at the demonstration carried placards reading: "The Unity of Germany will end Hamburg."

There have been no disturbances in the Essen district and the security authorities expect a peaceful return to work tomorrow.—Reuter.

H.K.-Canton

Radio Telephone

A radio-telephone service between Hongkong and Canton was opened this morning at 10 o'clock, when H. E. the Governor (Sir Alexander Grantham) spoke from Government House to Mr T. V. Soong in Canton.

The Telegraph was informed that the service is to be operated on a temporary basis to enable the public to make use of it while negotiations on the terms for sharing revenue are carried out.

ANTI-SMUGGLING AGREEMENT

Nanking, Jan. 10.—As a result of negotiations conducted in Hongkong and London, the British authorities were reported last night to have accepted the Chinese proposal for an agreement designed to curb smuggling activities in Hongkong and Kowloon.

The signing of the agreement is said to be slated for January 12, and among other things the pact provides the stationing of Chinese Customs inspection personnel in Hongkong and Kowloon operating with British assistance.—Reuter.

British Loan For Malaya

London, Jan. 10.—A Colonial Office spokesman said on Friday that the preliminary financial negotiations between Malaya and the United Kingdom including a possible British loan, are nearly completed.

Details were not disclosed. Financial Secretary W. D. Goddall of Malaya is expected to leave for Singapore next Tuesday and, if approval is granted, he will come back to London to wind up the negotiations.—Associated Press.

BANK ROBBERY

New York, Jan. 9.—Four armed men raided the mid-city branch of the Hibernal National Bank here today and escape with cash estimated at \$100,000, the police stated.

Forcing their way into the bank half an hour before opening time, the bandits forced the manager to open the vault.—Reuter.

NEW ATTEMPT TO BE MADE ON AIR RECORD

London, Jan. 9.—The Gloster Aircraft Company is to attempt to improve the international closed circuit speed record captured from the United States last August by Group Captain John Cunningham on Tuesday next, weather permitting.

Squadron Leader Waterton hopes to exceed 500 mph in the same type of aircraft that won world speed records in 1943 and 1946. It has been reported from the United States that an attempt is being made there

shortly to regain the closed circuit speed record.

Closed circuit speeds over a 100 kilometre course cannot hope to equal speed records over a measured mile, a spokesman of the Air Ministry told Reuter today. Success of the attempt depends more on the pilot's handling of his plane than in the speed of the aircraft.

Representatives of the International Aeronautical Federation, the governing body for all air speed records, will observe and time the flight.—Reuter.

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WATTS**O**NE of those research bureaus which canvass public opinion has just completed a poll on the somewhat ambiguous question, "Who is the First Lady of the Screen?"

The winners are: Ingrid Bergman, Bette Davis and Greer Garson (left to right above). The voting was close. This was an American poll, but it happens that I have been questioning a particularly well-informed individual about feminine star popularity in Britain.

I guarantee his reliability and impartiality. He knows the cinema backwards and has no axe to grind.

And his unhesitating answer put the same three names in his top four. The only difference is that at the British box-office there is the formidable native contender, Margaret Lockwood.

My informant varies the order of the three Hollywood names, and brackets Misses Lockwood and Bergman in first place, the two dream girls of the film exhibitor.

America has had little chance to see Miss Lockwood yet. The point is that star appeal is clearly universal. Whatever the differences of taste in films between the Middle West and Middle Wall, the taste in people is much the same.

Niven again

If David Niven were not a modest man, given to taking a deprecatory view of his own abilities and eminence, he might be getting a bit above himself these days. No Royal

33 YEARS
MARRIED—
AND HAPPY

By PATRICIA CLARY

FRANK MORGAN, celebrating his 33rd wedding anniversary, suggests the secret of a third of a century of wedded bliss.

"Don't ask questions," the movie and radio comedian fluttered. "You may get an answer!"

Morgan says the rule applies to married or unmarried men. There was the time, he recalled, when he was working as a brush salesman; before he became an actor.

"My first customer was a gorgeous blonde," Morgan uttered.

Turning on the natural Morgan charm, I made rapid progress. She bought seven toothbrushes.

"Foolishly I asked a question. 'Why seven?' She said they were for herself, her husband and five children."

Morgan said the answer shattered what might have been a lasting friendship.

Rule for Women

The second rule for the Morgan marriage is for ladies: never keep your husband waiting.

"Once he starts looking at the clock, he's losing interest," Morgan declared. "It's only a short step until he starts looking at something else."

Morgan said his latest movie, "Green Dolphin Street," proves that it doesn't pay to keep a lady waiting either.

"I woo actress Gladys Cooper," he explained. "Naturally, she reciprocates, but I have to leave for several years."

"On my return I find her married with two grown daughters. Things like that can break an engagement," Morgan, who recently won the Honolulu yacht races, advises husbands to let the mate take the wheel occasionally.

"It's comparatively safe—at sea," he said.

Against Primping

But, he was firm on the question of roadside repairs.

"Never, never paint up in public," he told wives. "It's disillusioning. Above all, don't leap to meet your husband with cold cream smeared all over your face. He may have a weak heart."

When a man is sick, the happy marriage expert said, he wants pampering. When he's blue, he needs cheering up.

"But most wives do just the opposite," he sighed.

The correct treatment of a sick husband is to draw the shades, pity him with pills and ice packs and leave him alone.

"Alone," said Morgan, "he has a chance to think about what a wonderful wife he has."

Command film show, it appears, is complete without him.

In 1946, the first such show featured "A Matter of Life and Death," in which no starred.

In 1947, he was on view again, in "The Bishop's Wife," the "dark horse" Goldwyn picture which has been chosen as Hollywood's best for the occasion.

Filming on ice

THE diligent reader of screen credit titles will have noticed the name of Osmond Borodalle. He is the leading specialist in his own line. He supplies far-flung backgrounds.

He went to Australia for "The Overlanders," Africa for "Sons of the River," India for "Elephant Boy" and "The Drum," Canada for "The 49th Parallel."

Hollywood used him to provide the big game stuff from Kenya for "The Macomber Affair."

Now the Ealing film, "Scott of the Antarctic," has taken him into new territories.

Thriving on difficulties, he has had a wonderful six months in the Antarctic. He and his assistant had to climb a 600ft. hill of solid ice every day before starting work.

These restrictions, he concluded, make Hollywood's average film what it is—an astounding parody of life devoted to a society in which anything is physically and materially possible, including perfect happiness, to a race of people who operate intellectually on the level of the New York Daily News, morally on that of Dayton, Tennessee, and politically and morally in a total vacuum."

Washington, with film stars testifying against one another's politics, there is one really baffling idea. The investigating committee is apparently convinced that Communistic influence is subverting Hollywood film.

I suggest that if a sample million feet of celluloid were sifted for social content the result would hardly be visible to the naked eye.

But lest I am charged with impertinence in commenting on what is an American domestic affair, let me quote a native source.

Total vacuum

WOLCOTT GIBBS, a precise and deadly deflator of pretensions, recently wrote, on returning from the scaring task of film criticism, that "a series of strict, external codes governing their (films) political and moral content has been imposed... This makes it impracticable to name political philosophies or explain what they stand for."

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His going left Britain very much where she was before embattled on behalf of her old-fashioned girl-friend, Democracy, and moderately cheerful in the fight.

There are some who say darkly that Democracy is no better than she should be but we love her still. Our water-laden winds and gentle climate made her blow and made her peculiar ours. Just now the old girl is a bit of a burden to us, and there are some who shrug their shoulders and would let her go. But she won't go.

And if you want the proof of that, consider Mr. George Isaacs's figures for the first month of the Control of Engagement Order: 60,000 people volunteered themselves into essential jobs—ten were pushed.

There's Democracy for you. Good old gal.

For the record

CHRISTMAS crept up on us rather uneasily. A Father Christmas was fined £1 at Walsall for obstruction of traffic. Conventry children were forbidden to be pantomime fairies, a wild turkey escaped from the London Zoo, but was happily recaptured before sudden death overtook it . . . the holy war between Jews and Arabs was halted while Jaffa oranges were collected.

Quotes

A FILM-company has registered its intention to make a screen version of Thomas Hardy's "Far From the Madding Crowd." It is intended, however, that the title shall be changed. The film is to be called, "Far From the Madding Crowd."

Night ride

HE is 22. At the northern university where he is studying for a B.Sc. he had found life disturbed by the number of bearded pards, full of strange oaths and odd adventures, but recently demobbed. Their talk excited him in the lecture rooms and, perhaps for this reason, he decided to try to ride down to London by night lorry.

The driver said: "Well, we aren't supposed to. But I'd be glad of the company. All I ask is—don't go to sleep. Keep your eyes skinned the left side of the road while I watch the right."

Near Huntingdon it happened. There was a man ahead in the middle of the road, swinging a torch. The driver pulled up. Just then the young man saw three figures running from the left hedge; three more from the right. They carried guns, he thought.

He shouted, and the driver stepped hard on the gas. There was a burst of firing behind them, but the shots went wild. They got away. They were carrying a cargo of carburettors and sparking plugs, worth quite a fortune. Dick Turpin rides the night roads of England again.

Mechanical Cows For G.I. Joe

The U.S. Army is going to send some "mechanical cows" to Korea and other places in the Far East.

Lack of fresh milk in the Orient and Pacific areas "has long been considered a major problem, due to the average soldier's liking for milk," the authorities said, adding that Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Guam and Okinawa are unsuitable for dairy farming.

So the Quartermaster Corps will send experts and equipment necessary for producing reconstituted milk.

European occupation troops do not have a milk shortage problem, the U.S. Army said, because "Danish dairymen supply their needs—Associated Press."

Samson led the first Jewish guerillas but was betrayed by the woman he loved

DOWN through the ages there have been many great love stories, and most of them have ended in tragedy, but few can equal in vividness and drama that of Samson and Delilah. In addition to being one of the greatest, it is one of the oldest of them, for it was lived many years before there was even a King David to rule Israel in the shadowy centuries B.C. and will endure as an ever-recurring inspiration in life. Literature and art for so long as human passions remain essentially the same.

The main motif of the story of Samson and Delilah—that of a man betrayed through his uncontrolled love for a woman, and she the willing instrument of his betrayal and punishment—crops up in a number of disguises in modern life. It was probably old in the Biblical times when it was first recorded.

Today it seems oddly sophisticated, a colourful patch unique in the sober history of the Old Testament, the character of Samson, especially having an unrivalled reality.

HE began life as one of God's elect, chosen to lead the people of Israel out of bondage by the Philistines. But he failed to live up to his possibilities, and became one of those who are always preparing to turn over a new leaf but never quite getting round to it.

Growing abnormally strong, Samson became a sort of swashbuckling guerilla leader, a practical joker on the Philistines, asking them riddles, slaying them contemptuously with the jawbone of an ass, burning their corn, striding love-making into their strongholds and escaping with the gates of one city on his bullock's shoulders.

At one stage he took to the hills, hunted by the entire Philistine army, and with the contempt of a guerilla leader, tricked them single-handed. Then came a time when he was one of the "judges" of Israel, becoming some sort of official.

But with the appearance of Delilah in his middle age, Samson's story became tragedy. She was the type of woman created from the beginning of time to the downfall of strength-conscious, vain, frolicsome giants like Samson, and his fate was sealed from the day he met her.

Delilah was the last of a series of Philistine women Samson loved, and although apologists might argue that she was a patriotic heroine who betrayed him for the sake of her own people, the more general view is that she was simply another woman who sold her lover for money.

THIS story of Samson's betrayal and fall is one of the most graphic and pitiful—in the Bible—sadder even than the spectacle of Job bowed under the weight of accumulated human misery, cursing the day of his birth; or Jeremiah weeping over the lost condition of his land. And, with Samson's death, bound, blinded, enslaved to the hated foreigner, comes that touch of sublimity that has inspired writers for centuries.

The somewhat bizarre story has been treated in three ways by theologians and students. Learned books have been written on "what it owes to the Greek." By some it is regarded as an excellent piece of Hebrew folk-lore, ranking with the wonderful stories of giants and heroes like Hercules, with their astonishing feats of strength and courage. In their belief it belongs to the folk tales of the earliest days of the Israelites, when they delighted in the spirit of adventure and boisterous stories of exploits of superhuman prowess.

Some evangelists have gone so far as to identify Samson with Christ and Delilah with the Church—a selfless love and a selfish one—and have hung great weights on slender allegorical wires.

They claim that the 30 Philistines venturing their solution of a riddle Samson has asked them after they have worned it from his wife, are a significant representation of the philosophers and men of science. And that the regrowth of his hair is the symbol of his repentance and regeneration, so that "the spirit of the Lord," which is the real secret of his strength, returns to him.

But most people interpret it, in the way St. Paul did, as a story written for our admonition—that those with the greatest endowment of personal power may be perverted and that a life beginning with the fairest prospects may end in darkness.

THE poet, Milton, was inspired by the story to one of the greatest poems he wrote. He presented Samson as a proud patriot, imbued with the twin ideals of serving God and his people, who came a cropper over a worthless woman. Handel wrote an oratorio on the theme, and Saint Saens turned it into a romantic opera, as did the Russian, Andreyev, in his play, "Samson in Chains."

The age in which Samson lived was one of the least civilised in the history of Israel. The moral life of the Hebrews had deteriorated, and

for 40 years they had been subject to the conquering Philistines. The Philistines were Phoenicians of non-Semitic stock, who had effected permanent settlement on the coastal plain of Palestine from Gaza to Mount Carmel, and, superior in culture and military art, had overcome the tribes of Judah and Dan and established their garrisons over the country.

It would seem that the yoke of the Philistines was not excessively heavy, for nothing is said of heavy taxes. Nevertheless the Israelites resented the domination, but they had no leader to unify them against the invaders.

At the juncture, Samson was born to Manoah and his wife, heralded by the appearance of an angel to the parents that a child beyond nature would be born to them. The wife was required to dedicate herself and her son to God as a Nazarite, which meant that the child Samson was to lead a life of austerity and purity, and not to cut his hair.

THIS ill-starred Biblical love story is one of the world's great romances

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Samson grew up physically strong, but occasionally back-slid in the matter of austerity and purity, and a love affair brought him into active opposition to the Philistine girl he saw at Timnath, he insisted on his parents obtaining her as his wife. At first they demurred, but saw in his demand the hand of God and arranged the marriage, and Samson went to Timnath to see his betrothed.

On the way, a young lion in a vineyard "roared" against him. Without a weapon, Samson "tore him as he would have torn a kid." On a later visit, he found that a swarm of bees had taken possession of the lion's carcass, so he took the honey, ate it and brought some of the comb home to his parents.

THIS time, Samson's enemies resorted to strategy. The leaders approached her and asked her to find out the secret of his great strength so that they could capture him. Each offered to pay her 1,100 pieces of silver. Delilah agreed readily, and set about the job.

Three times Samson put her off with three lies, playing with her in his characteristically clumsy way, possibly even aware that her Philistine friends were hidden behind a curtain in his bedroom, and overconfident of his power to deal with them.

At length "when she pressed him daily with her words and urged him that his soul was vexed unto death," he told her the truth—a belief common in antiquity—that his strength lay in his hair, the unshorn locks of a Nazarite.

Delilah now summoned the Philistine leaders, and, after coaxing Samson to sleep, she called a barber to shave off "the seven locks of his head." Then, with perhaps a sudden revelation, she thrust him away from her and roused him with the cry, "The Philistines are upon thee, Samson."

Confident that he was a giant in a pygmy world, Samson went out to deal with his enemies, but "he wist not that the Lord was departed from him."

Samson fought as valiantly as he had in bygone times, but his strength had gone, and his foes easily overcame him. They put out his eyes.

In our version, "pulled out" his eyes, bound his ponderous limbs with brass chains, bundled him off to Gaza, and imprisoned him in the grinding mill in the prison house. Samson's capture and enslavement were vaunted by the Philistines.

At the time of the wheat harvest, he apparently thought better of things and returned to Timnath, bringing for his estranged wife the present of a kid. His dismayed father-in-law broke the disturbing news that, thinking Samson had left her for good, he had given her to the Philistine guests at the wedding breakfast.

Finally he added that her sister was younger and better-looking and would make a suitable substitute. But Samson was furious and vowed vengeance against all Philistines.

As a start, he caught 300 foxes, coupled them tail to tail, and fastening lighted torches between the tails, he turned them loose, to wreak havoc in the standing corn of the Philistines and to set up a bush fire which consumed neighbouring vineyards and olive groves. The Philistines replied with the wild justice of burning Samson's father and Samson's wife.

tines, as they saw him, bent and old and blind, grinding at the mill, his strength vanished his jokes and pride—dust. But they, too, must have been blind, for they failed to see that his hair had grown again.

Then, to mock him the more, they dragged him from prison as a kind of buffoon, and he was led stumbling by a boy into the enormous banquet hall to "make sport" for the Philistines at the feast of their god, Dagon. There were about 3,000 people there, and after he had done his "turn" Samson asked the boy to lead him to the central pillar so that he could lean against it and rest.

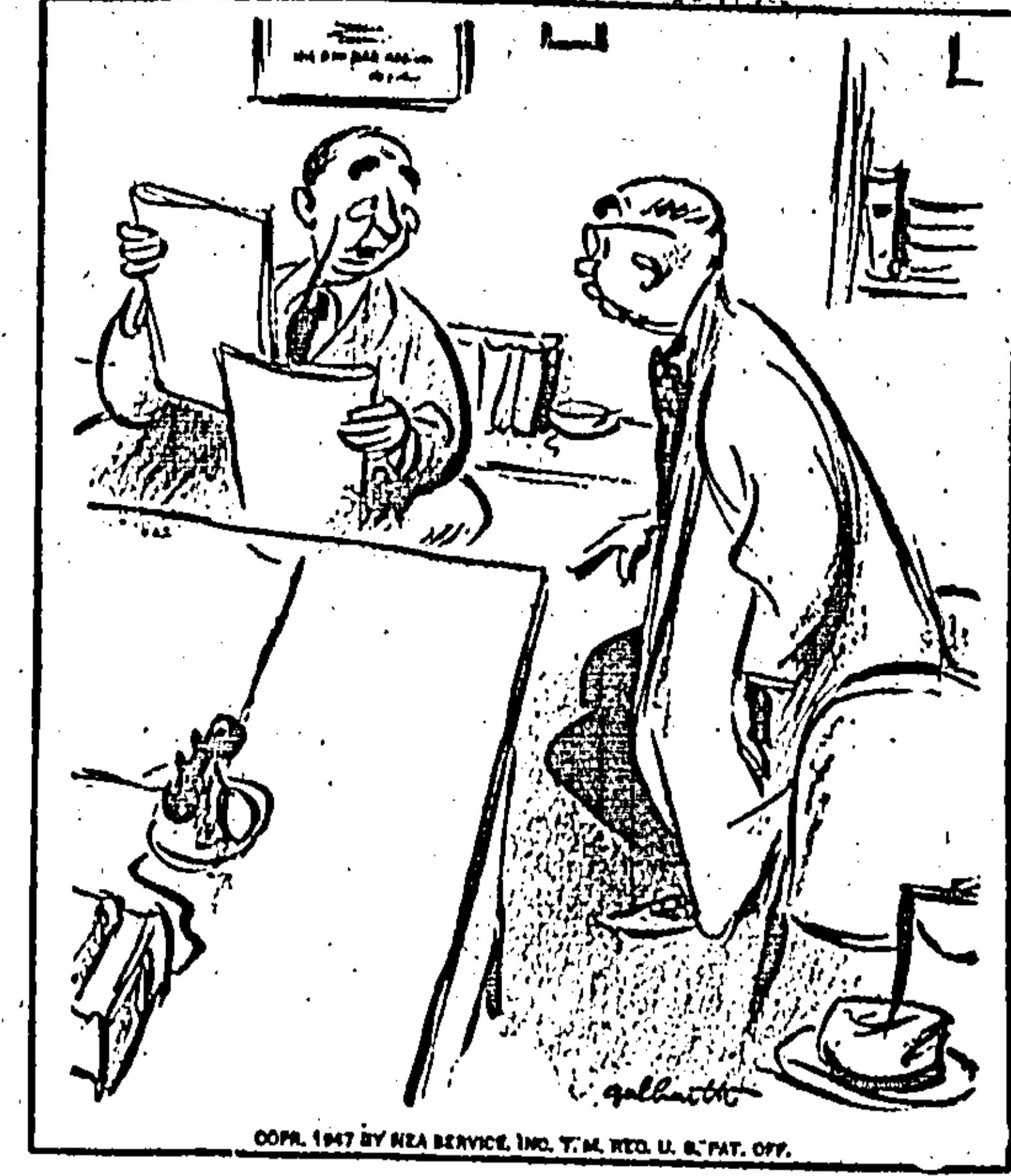
As he stood by the pillar, Samson prayed, "O Lord God, remember me and restore to me now my former strength . . . that I may revenge myself on my enemies, and for the loss of my two eyes I may take one revenge."

Then grasping the pillar with his right hand and an adjoining one with his left, tragic, no longer unclad, the blind giant cried out, "Let me die with the Philistines," and with that he brought down the appalling avalanche on his tormentors, killing himself and all the company.

No doubt dazed with their own tragedy, the Philistines let the dead hero's kin search for his body among the chaos and bear it reverently to quiet grave among the hills of Dan to bury him beside his fathers.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I like to defend cases like this one with an element of chance—either we make a nice bit of money or you go to jail!"

IF IT'S QUICK THE JEWS WILL WIN

JERUSALEM.

Nthe lounge of my hotel a radio has just begun broadcasting the seven o'clock news bulletin in Hebrew.

The life of the hotel has come to a standstill. Everyone, from the waiters—smooth, dark young men from Berlin and Budapest—to the guests—quiet, comfortable, middleclass folk who began life speaking Czech, or Polish, or German—is in the lounge listening.

They are listening with the tension I know too well. It is the tension of Warsaw during those last days of August 1939.

As they listen they all seek an answer to the same question Is there to be war?

Yes, I have travelled to many countries during the past two years where history is being made. But nothing has impressed me with the same sense of historic drama—as what—have been going on here in this pocket-handkerchief territory of Palestine.

It will affect the whole Middle East territory, whose security, contentedness and prosperity have for generations been of vital concern to the British Commonwealth.

Now, these are the main factors in the situation as far as I have been able to discern them during the time I have spent here:

THE British are unwilling to be parties to the forcible conquest of Palestine by Jews. It has to be forcible in view of the Arab refusal to recognise the right of Jewish immigrants to establish an autonomous State in what has been Arab country for 12 centuries.

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In fact the clash between Arabs and Jews has already partitioned the country into Jewish areas which the Arabs can visit only at the much lower rural area tax they had paid hitherto.

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It seemed to me a long time before my admirable Armenian guide, John Mavrian, was able to convince the villagers we were not Jews and meant no harm. The whole village gathered around us as we were offered Turkish coffee as a symbol of welcome.

The Arabs had hidden armed guards in an orange grove outside, and our car slowly lumbered in two of them leaped on it and drove us as prisoners into the village.

They boast that large stores of arms are pouring in and that there are plenty more where they came from. They insist that they have fully trained endres who have seen war service with the British Army, and are equal in tactical leadership and discipline to the best Haganah forces.

The Jews tell me they do not expect it will take them more than a few days to clean up the Arabs. "We have a hundred times better discipline, more efficient leadership, and a superior intelligence service. What munitions we do not produce in Palestine we shall get from abroad. And we have got the money."

A forecast

BUT the most confident bet of the Jews is the diplomatic one.

Abdullah—who is reputed to do what the British tell him—is anxious to annex to his kingdom of Transjordan Arab sections of Palestine left after partition.

"Abdullah," say my Jewish friends, "will make a show of joining in a holy war against us. Then, when we have got Palestine, Arabs on the run, and chaos among them at its height, he will come in with his Arab legion to restore order."

"Perry and goodwill will break out. Abdullah will become our friend and with his help—enhanced by dissension among Arab States—we shall make friends with the Arab world."

It sounds good to me every time I hear it—until I remember the fanaticism of the Mufti and the fury of his Arabs.

My own belief is that if the Jews can keep the struggle with the Palestine Arabs short and sharp, thus deterring the organised Arab allies from joining in they will win.

But if it becomes a long-drawn-out war, the economic disorder and misery which Arab guerrillas can cause will become intolerable for the Jewish population confined to the narrow beachhead on the Palestine coast.

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

MALEPESTE! A writer, dismaying Murger's Bohemians, says, "Yes. Their youth was gay and carefree. But what of middle age?" Out upon such rat-tat-tat! Sensible Bohemians play the fool in youth, and then become rangers.

Recall the closing lines of the "Scenes de la Vie de Boheme." Says Rodolphe, "Let us go dine in our old tavern in the rue du Four, where we were so hungry when we had finished eating." "Not I," says Marcel. "I don't mind looking back into the past, but it must be with a bottle of good wine, and sitting in a comfortable chair. I'm corrupted, there was the artist strolling round your letter with his scandalous remarks." "I'm lying off the belly, admiring his own pictures quest." "Pray lay off the earnest to all the jolly ragamuffins! How And a murmur 'on you all.

What has my daughter said to you to incurridge such familiarity and you a Mayor! The poor girl was in tears when she brought me in to see her. "I'm corrupted, there was the artist strolling round your letter with his scandalous remarks." "I'm lying off the belly, admiring his own pictures quest." "Pray lay off the earnest to all the jolly ragamuffins! How And a murmur 'on you all.

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FULL-PAGE FEATURE

WHEN A CHILD HAS FEARS

By CATHERINE MACKENZIE

A CHILD can't be "reasoned" out of his fear, yet grown-ups try it all the time. "There's nothing to be afraid of," we say briskly to the shrinking child; or "You're too big a girl for that;" or sadder still, "Only sissies are afraid."

Even loving parents do this, not knowing what else to do.

Fears in childhood is a large subject, and it offers pitfalls for the commentator. There is the possibility that—in a society as jittery as ours—parents may needlessly get the wind up. After all, most children go through one or another phase of fearing that the goblins will get them. Sensibly handled, the phase passes. Also, because a child's fears are highly individual, concrete suggestions on handling are especially hard to convey in print.

In this department's opinion, an important contribution on this subject has been made in the newly compiled pamphlet "When a Child Has Fears," prepared for the New York City Committee on Mental Hygiene of the State Charities Aid Association.

Clearly, and with reassurance, this text outlines the fears common to or often found in the age group under 6; points out that, by understanding what is behind them, parents and teachers can do much to prevent some fears.

There are normal, everyday fears—of loud noises, sudden movement, strange people and objects, later of animals, fear of the dark, of pain, of being left alone. (Parents know that there is a long list.) There are fears equally normal though hard to pin down to causes. And there are fears apparently unrelated to anything, expressing the uneasiness of the anxious child. (We are oversimplifying here to save space.) Of the latter group, the text says in part: "To the anxious child anything, everything is a possible danger. . . . He cannot take in his stride the normal frightening experiences of childhood as can a better adjusted child. . . . He seems to be afraid of some particular thing, but what he is really expressing is his own inside fear."

WRITTEN by Nina Ridenour, Ph. D., with the assistance of Isabel Johnson, this bulletin summarises background facts and brings

OGLING ORGY
IN JAPAN

Three hundred Japanese men and women recently carefully appraised one another in marriage prospects on the banks of the Tama River.

The "marriage fair" was sponsored by a popular magazine.

Procedure was: Both men and women registered at the entrance to the river, obtained a number, which they pinned on their clothes.

Then they walked up and down the river bank ogling one another.

On spotting a likely prospect, they ran to the registration desk, consulted a card file giving the prospect's life history, bank balance. Then they proposed—but this was done through the magazine's representative, who got a commission.

Said the Tokyo newspaper Asahi: "A considerable number found mates. But some of the women brought their mothers—which probably did not help."

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Baby Quiz

by CHAPMAN PINCHER

(1) When a baby first says "Mama" it is recognising its mother. Is this true or false?

FALSE. Ma happens to be the first babbling sound the average infant makes. Because mothers are the first to hear it they assume the baby means them. That is why in nearly all languages the baby word for mother is the same.

(2) All babies inherit a fear of the dark because our ancestors were most afraid of being attacked by wild beasts at night. True or false?

FALSE. The only inherited fears are of loud noises and of being dropped. All others are learned.

(3) A new born baby can support its own weight either hand. True or false?

TRUE. Most can do this until they are about 17 weeks old.

(4) No child ever develops any new brain cells after it is born. True or false?

TRUE. The brain as a whole enlarges, but a baby has its full allowance of "grey matter" at birth.

(5) Boy babies develop mentally earlier than girls. True or false?

FALSE. The reverse is true.

(6) A baby cannot see except to distinguish light from darkness until it is three weeks old. True or false?

TRUE. And the average child cannot recognise its mother by sight until it is three months old.

(7) A child who walks at eight months instead of at the usual 15 months is likely to be very intelligent. True or false?

TRUE. Many geniuses have walked at eight months.

(8) A baby is blue when it is born and immediately turns pink. True or false?

TRUE. When the baby starts to use its lungs the increased oxygen supply turns the blood from blue to red.

(9) A young baby puts things into its mouth because its teeth are pushing through the gums and irritating it. True or false?

FALSE. It does it to examine them. While the sight is poorly developed, a baby's lips and tongue are its chief sense organs.

Simple Fare
for Gourmets

By JANE NICKERSON

SOMETIMES your palate is homesick for the simple foods of childhood—a baked potato with a dollop of butter or homemade bread and a mug of milk. Other days the gastronomical mood changes, and you think with good appetite of the shrimps with lobster sauce that a Chinese restaurateur turns out. Then comes the evening when dinner must be straight American, substantial, well seasoned, simple yet skilfully cooked—elevens liver with bacon, perhaps, or broiled spareribs.

Here are some novel suggestions, developed by New York's new restaurant, Town Penguin, which specialises in good, plain, but not dull style of meals.

COUPE LENORE HORNE

1 quart coffee ice cream
1/2 cup heavy cream, whipped
1/2 cup creme de cacao.

Place ice cream in parfait glasses, top with cream and then add creme de cacao. Yield: six servings.

Like all good restaurateurs, Mr. Cowles, manager of the New Penguin, has a good chef, Yves Le Goff, one of whose contributions to summer dining is his baked melon Alaska. It makes quite a splash, but here again the talents of an Escoffier are not demanded.

BAKED MELON ALASKA

1 cantaloupe, chilled
3/4 cup crushed fruit (peaches, berries or other variety desired)

2 tablespoons Cointreau

4 egg whites

1/2 cup sugar

3/4 pint vanilla ice cream.

(1) Cut cantaloupe in half, remove seeds and peel. Put a fourth of fruit in each hollowed-out portion and a tablespoon of Cointreau in each. Arrange halves on a fairly large heatproof platter with a generous space between.

(2) Beat egg whites till foamy.

Add sugar gradually and beat till meringue holds up in sharp peaks.

She Wins A
"Princess Frock"

By PATRICIA LENNARD

TWENTY-ONE-YEAR-OLD

Mrs Anne Collins has a success story any young bride would be proud to tell. She and her husband have a new bungalow, and she has a new evening dress from Princess Elizabeth's trousseau.

She is one of the lucky girls who received one of the dresses distributed by Princess Elizabeth from the clothes sent to her by the New York Institute of Fashion as a wedding gift.

"We were married on November 20," she told me, "and when we came back from our honeymoon I learned that I had won a frock in the WVS ballot."

"It arrived at the week-end in a plain box—no message or letter with it—and it fits me perfectly!"

First appearance

Her husband, 25-year-old Michael Collins, a motor mechanic in Bromley, Kent, says forthrightly enough: "It's a lovely frock—I expect it's the best dress you'll ever have, and we'll have to go out and celebrate in it."

It is made of cream silk, patterned with drifts of pink flowers, and the flowers on the fuku and bodice are sequinned in pink.

"Do you know?" Mrs. Collins said, "it must be hand-made: there's a Petersham band under the frock that keeps the waist in, and over the hips there's padding under stiff canvas so that the frock stands out."

Round the waist goes a long pink velvet sash, and Mrs. Collins plans to wear with the frock the white

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① I TIPPED HIM—by William Barkley

"A BLAST from the steel furnaces of Britain blew away some of the hot air of Westminster last night when Mr Jack Jones (Soc. Bolton) spoke his mind."

So I reported last March, telling how this record-making steel smelter made his entry as a pep talker M.P. by calling on the coal miners to "give now in return for what they have been received."

Six days later I wrote that a wise Government would send Mr Jack Jones round to make the appeal in person. Six months later the Government took him in, made him joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Supply.

Now as a result of going around steel works, speaking as a forthright old son of England, Jack Jones has had his first setback. Representatives of 5,000

of his ex-steelworker colleagues have rebuked him for making speeches helpful to the Tories.

The trouble is that Mr Jack Jones does not yet realize that he is national news, that his pithy words—directed locally—are printed throughout the country.

Thus, when he gently chided some boys for knocking off seven minutes before time, he was speaking in a factory where production records had been broken. He was saying as it were: "Look what record-breakers like you could do in seven minutes."

But the men with whom he used to work seem to have got the wrong view. Nobody in his Bolton constituency will ever think that he will ring the working man. He's not like seven minutes."

got married he said to his fair-haired, blue-eyed wife, Olive: "I want to have children. I want to have lots of children. To give them a good education I must have a lot of money. I will never have that if I smoke and drink."

Jack Jones for ten years before he was elected an M.P. earned £13 a week on piece work as a leading hand in the steel works. His election caused a family financial crisis because his wages went down to £12 a week as an M.P.

"But my sons rallied round and helped out," he told me. "When in the distant past you have had to pawn your wife's engagement ring to buy food for the kids you understand what a financial crisis is in the family."

Jack Jones, family man, allotment-holder, pep talker, and patriot, has the facility for telling people in simple language just what the country wants of them.

Sincerity surrounds him like an aura. I talked to him for an hour and came away like a man who has taken a draught of cold spring water—because Jack Jones passionately believes in Britain.

His mild blue eyes took on the look of a crusader when he leaned across the desk and said: "We are the best people in the world, and we deserve the best. But to get it, we must give of our best. I am sure that if the workers of this country told the simple, economic truths of our situation there will be no need to worry."

Jack Jones is one of the best people to do it. He was one of a family of eleven whose father was a steelworker in Rotherham. He himself left Doncaster-road Council School at the age of 14, started wheeling bricks at 5½d. an hour.

"My father always wanted me to be a school teacher, but I wanted to make steel," he said.

Jones is a teetotaler and non-smoker, and this is why. When they

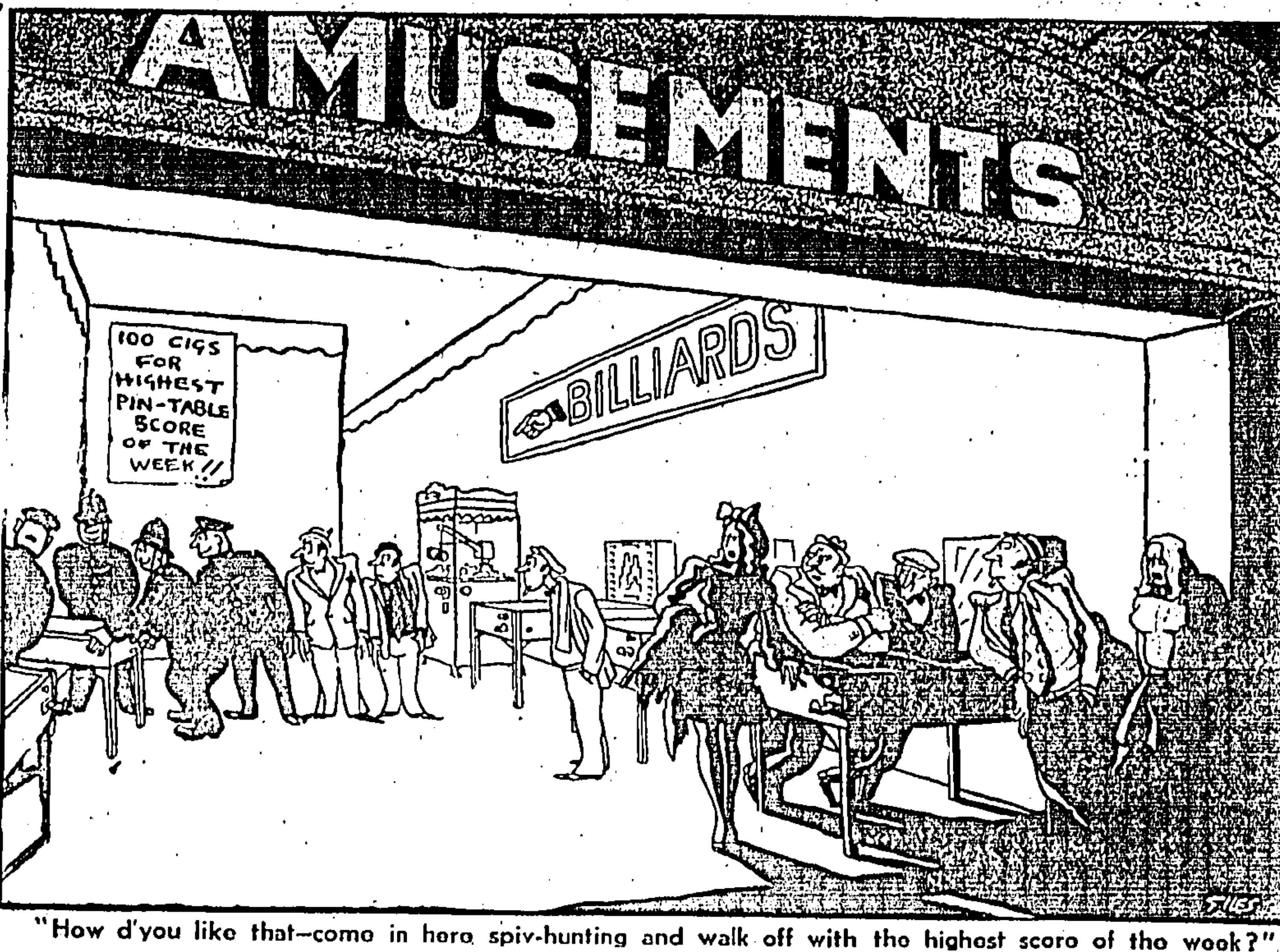
② I MET HIM—by John Deane Potter

Mrs. Olive Jones was stirring the back when he asked me to marry him. That was when we were both 22.

"We first of all lived in rooms, and then we managed to hear of a four-roomed cottage. The rent was 5s. 4d. a week. Florence, our eldest, who is now 26 and a telephone in Manchester, was born in the rooms. "But my four lads were born in the cottage. Jack is now 25, and a charge-hand at the steelworks. Arnold, who was invalided out of the Army at 10, is now 23; Eric is 22 and was a filer, and 22-year-old Peter, our youngest boy, was in the Navy."

"Margaret, my youngest girl, aged 15, takes after her dad. She was in the senior girls' cold food strike at Urmston Grammar School the other week....."

"He went off to Manchester when he was 17. Then came the war and he wrote to me, and when he came



"How d'you like that—come in here spiv-hunting and walk off with the highest score of the week?"

THE BIG SLEEP

by
Bernard Wicksteed

WHAT are you looking forward to most? I'll tell you what I am. A jolly good sleep, untaxed and off the ration.

It is a curious thing about sleep that although we spend about a third of our lives at it nobody has ever really explained what causes it.

We all know that warmth makes you sleepy. So does a good meal, a hot bath, or a boring story. But nobody, not even Mr Chapman Pincher understands the exact mechanism of it.

The scientists know that your arms and legs get bigger when you are asleep. They know that your temperature drops, your heart beats more slowly, and your brain gets less blood than when you are awake. But they do not know if these things are the causes of sleep or merely the effects.

Reasoning goes next. A person who is nearly asleep can hear and even answer questions, but the replies are usually unintelligible, a fact which anyone who is married will corroborate.

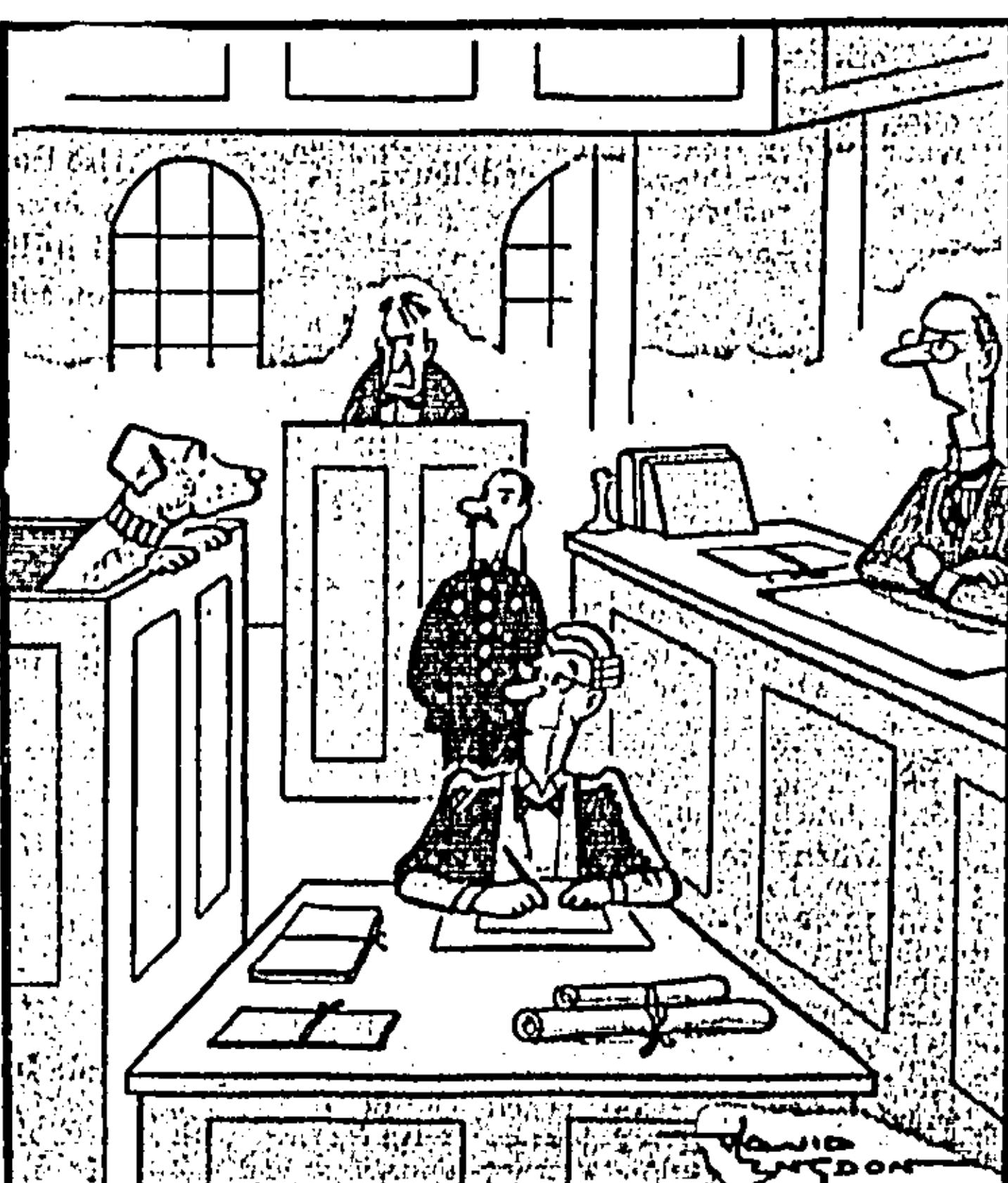
Memory stays awake much longer and so does imagination, hence dreams, and that mouse in the cupboard which your wife always thinks is a burglar.

The parts of the brain controlling your muscles sleep lightly. Sometimes they stay awake altogether, and then you are liable to get out of bed and go for a sleep-walk in your pyjamas. The sense of sight disappears entirely, even though you sleep with your eyes open.

They even "proved" it by injecting the blood of a tired dog into a lively one and making it sleepy. But the theory was knocked on the head three or four years ago by a pair of Siamese twins in Russia.

They had a common blood supply, and therefore both should have felt sleepy at the

DAVID LANGDON CARTOON



"And did you or did you not see defendant acting suspiciously near a lady's handbag in Hyde Park?"

PEPPING UP WHITEHALL

By Tom Shaw

MR JOHN ROUGHTON SIMPSON missed his usual 6.38 p.m. train from Victoria that night and caught the next train back home to Carshalton (Surrey) with a free copy of a brand-new Blue-book in his brief case.

Other people had been paying 4s. for it in spite of its "Keep off!" title — Report on the Organisation and Methods (O. and M.) Division.

But, after all, 47-year-old Mr Simpson gets £1,700 a year as head of that grim-sounding Treasury Division. He controls the Government's team of business efficiency experts. He deserves a free copy if only for the suggestion he made ten years ago about the hat-and-umbrella stand.

He was just a clerk then, but there was pep in his system. He spoke up and said:

"Anyone who has witnessed an embarrassed taxpayer crammed into an interviewing section of the counter about the size of a rat-trap, juggling with his hat and umbrella and a bundle of income-tax papers, can appreciate need for the provision of a hat-and-umbrella stand."

He never became a tax inspector. But in five years he jumped to Principal Assistant Secretary, then he toured America on a six months' security mission.

REDUCING DELAY

He has been in his present job for two and a half years. What does he do? He smoothes things out, he pep's things up.

Here are the results as recorded by the Select Committee on Estimates.

There were long delays and queues for passports. The Foreign Secretary said something had got to be done. Instead of concentrating the whole work at the passport offices in London, Liverpool and Glasgow, it is now spread over 1,000 local Ministry of Labour offices.

A passport now can be issued in 48 hours. The work can be done by 700 passport office workers instead of 1,100. Full marks for Mr Simpson. It is not his fault that British passports are now almost obsolete.

Another example. A small builder, erecting two small blocks of houses a year, had to full in 144 forms. He now has 38 papers to complete, and his form-filling time has been reduced by 95 percent.

Mr. Simpson's method? Going to the builder first and getting his ideas on where time and effort were wasted. Reduction in Ministry of Works staff alone—21 able-bodied workers.

CENTRALISATION

Other examples? An O. and M. is helping the Admiralty reorganise stations at home. Another at the Air Ministry devoting a scheme for centralising pay accounts for airmen instead of having an accountancy staff at each unit.

They are looking into recruitment for the Civil Service Commission and helping the Foreign Office with a problem of great age—the classification of political papers.

The Ministry of Health has asked for guidance on problems of the new medical services. The National Registration Office at Southport is being examined, the new Central Land Board being formed.

They propose to mechanise part of the accounting methods at the Public Trustee Office and have suggested a Post Office inter-departmental van service to carry papers instead of relying on walking messengers and motor cyclists.

To speed exports the streamliners of Whitehall are going to look into all the forms required. They are collecting complaints from export concerns and then going back to the departments with the business men's angle of this form-filling difficulty.

Having looked at all this, the men who have reported on Mr. Simpson's work want to see more of it.

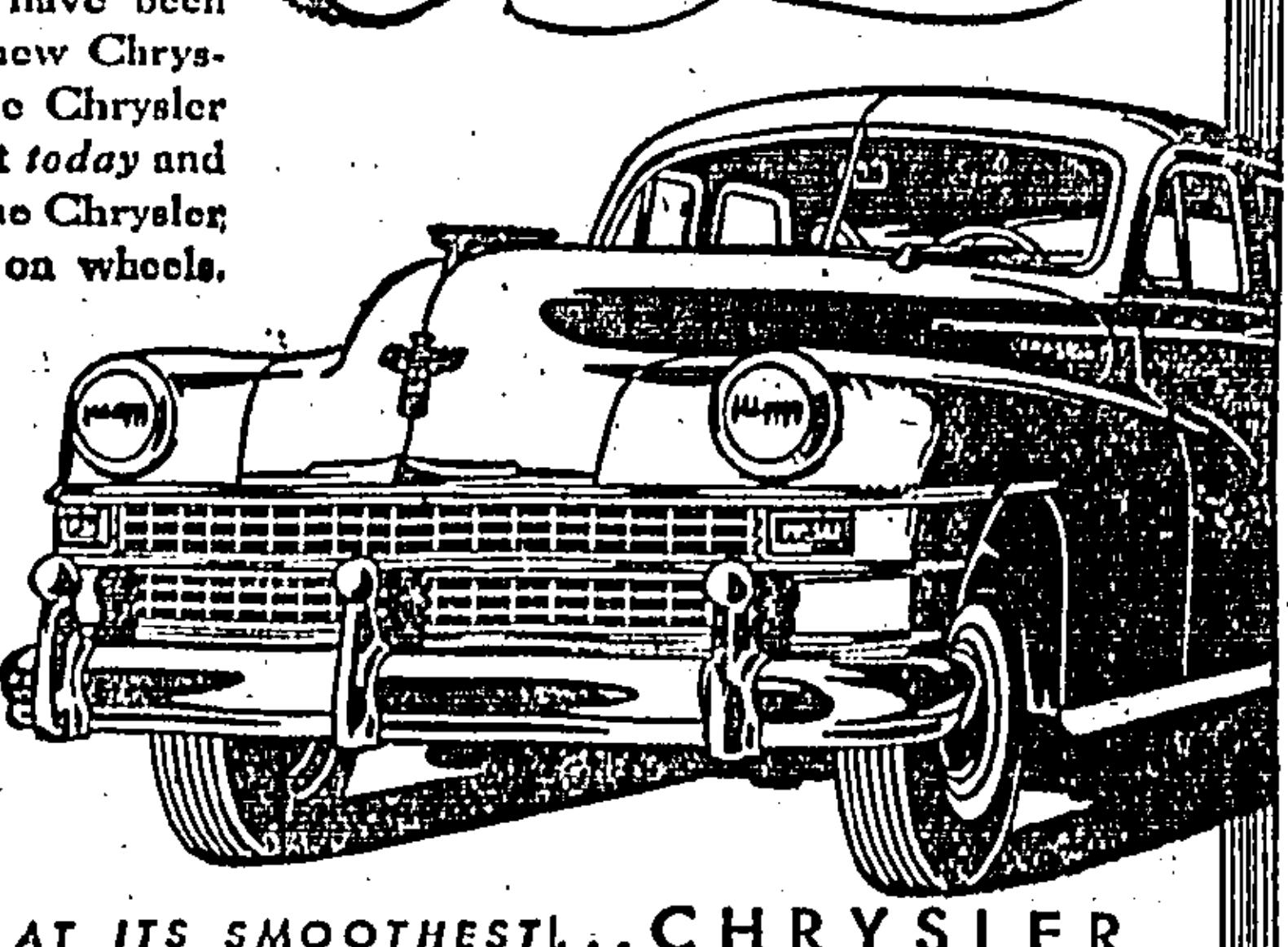
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• SPORTS FEATURES •

Police And Sing Tao Meet For First Time Tomorrow PROMISING SOCCER TIES

(BY "SEE TEE")

Before next week-end's second round matches in the shield competition, there is, this week-end, a most interesting pairing of senior clubs in the second half of the league programme. Of special service interest is the first meeting of the Navy and the Buffs at Causeway Bay; while the RAF's return match with South China at Sookunpoo should attract a good number of both service men and Chinese.

The pick of tomorrow's fixtures is at the Police Ground where Sing Tao are the visitors to the custodians of law and order. These two teams are to meet again next Saturday: they are drawn together in the second round of the Senior Shield.

The draw for the second round of the Senior Shield has produced four interesting matches. It is a matter for regret (and generally so, too) that the colourful St. Joseph's are not still in the competition. Unfortunately the Saints' departure from the Shield competition was due largely to matters over which, they at least, had no control.

Club v. Eastern should be an even encounter; 25th RA, have not been doing outstandingly well but may shake a Kitchie which is minus five of its best players, Kowloon Motor Buses versus South China is the pick of the draw, and this should be a keen battle.

It would not surprise me to see the Police beat Sing Tao at Boundary-street tomorrow; that match should be a pointer to next week's shield game.

Once again spectators at Caroline Hill this afternoon will feel the need for an extra pair of eyes; one with which to watch the match at the South ground between the Saints and the Kowloon Motor Buses, the other to follow the RAF-South China match below on the Sookunpoo ground.

IMPROVED POLICE

While the services are still making changes in their weekly teams, the eyes of the followers of the non-Chinese clubs—St. Joseph's and the Police—are watching with interest the steady improvement in the policemen's form. I liked their showing in the twenty minutes play we had at Caroline Hill last Saturday afternoon. With the wing halves buckling up the forwards, the attack was always ready to go straight into action.

The Police wingmen stayed out on their wings, took the ball deep towards the corner flags before centring, thereby frustrating any close packing of the goal by the South China defence. I was not too sure about the Police rearguard. More understanding as to who shall cover the middle road to goal seems required.

When the Caroline Hill game was abandoned last week, I went straight to the Club ground to see the second half of the match between the Club and the Saints. The half time score was 4-1 for the Club and I was told that Saints' defenders had, at least helped, the Club to net two of their goals. It was not a good bright second half. There were too few spectators to rouse the players to great things. A large area in the centre of the playing pitch was suffering from an overdose

Arthur Peall says:

I DO not blame you if you detect me playing when you're not. I'm a bit of a "hate" triangle—distracting many players would rather take a aim at other type of stroke.

You must learn to cope with this shot, by keeping the cue down in your line, a voiding the contact with it of lifting the cue-ball almost on it when you're striking at a large stroke, as in the diagram. Many players would rather take a aim at other type of stroke.

Chinese AA, who were on top of their form in the early part of the season, beat a strong Inniskilling's side 5-2 on October 2. The Athletic have lost some of their early season form, and the Inniskillings now change their eleven nearly as often as the Navy. The two meet at Sookunpoo tomorrow afternoon.

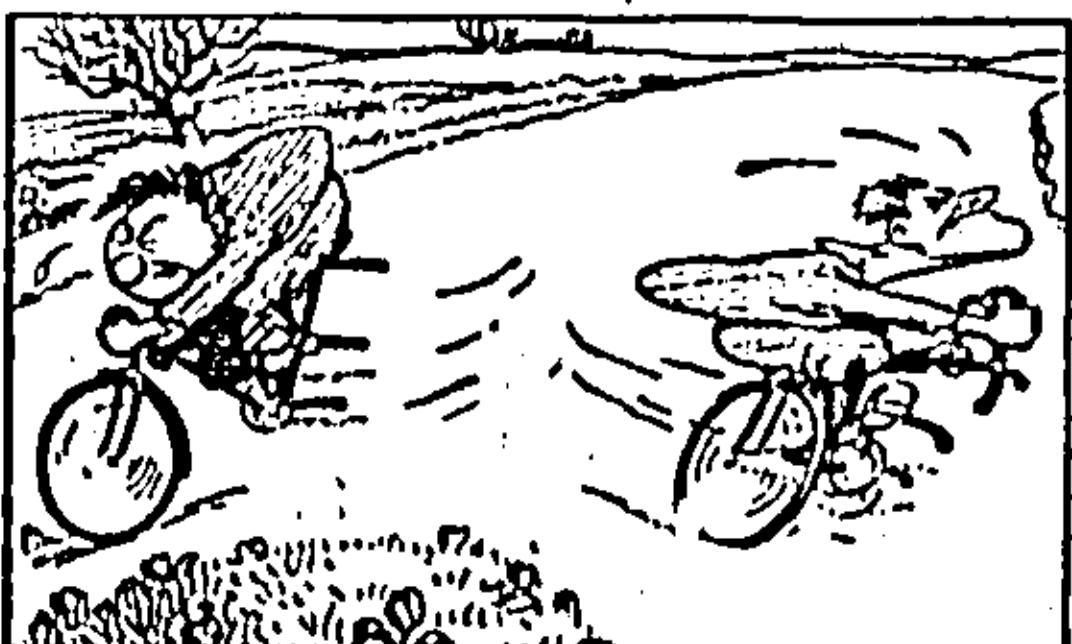
Both Kitchie's and Eastern's elevens having been "Sing Taoed" (Kitchie the more so), the early 3-2 victory of Kitchie over Eastern is of no real relevance.

Tomorrow is the first meeting of the season of the Police and Sing Tao. It is a match to which I am looking forward and hope to be there.

SPORTING SAM



By Reg. Wootton



The 1,500-metre open relay race, included in the recent Inter-School Athletic Meeting programme, was won by the Buffs. Here is the winning team comprising Lieut. Brodsky, Pte. Warrender, Pte. Thomsen and Cpl. Arrowsmith.

—Golden Studio.

Baseball Popular Again In Japan

(By ERNEST HOBERECHT)

TOKYO.—Baseball enjoys greater popularity in Japan than in the United States and sandlot games go on all winter even in cold and snow.

Professional baseball is enjoying unprecedented popularity in Japan. Though the season was officially closed in November, fans are still talking about big games and the best plays. Children may not know the names of many Cabinet members but they can name players and substitutes of all major clubs.

Despite the popularity of baseball, professional leagues are not making money. Every team is in the red. The high cost of baseball equipment is one of the reasons for the failure of clubs to earn profit. A glove costs 600 to 700 yen—US\$12 to \$14. A bat costs US\$6 and a pair of spike shoes more than \$20.

Infeld tickets at the Korakuen Stadium in Tokyo, where professional games are held, sell for what amounts to 60 cents each in United States money. Outfield tickets are 30 cents with special infield seats going for 90 cents each.

These prices include 100 percent admission tax and from the gross ticket sales 20 percent must be paid to the stadium owners for use of the ground.

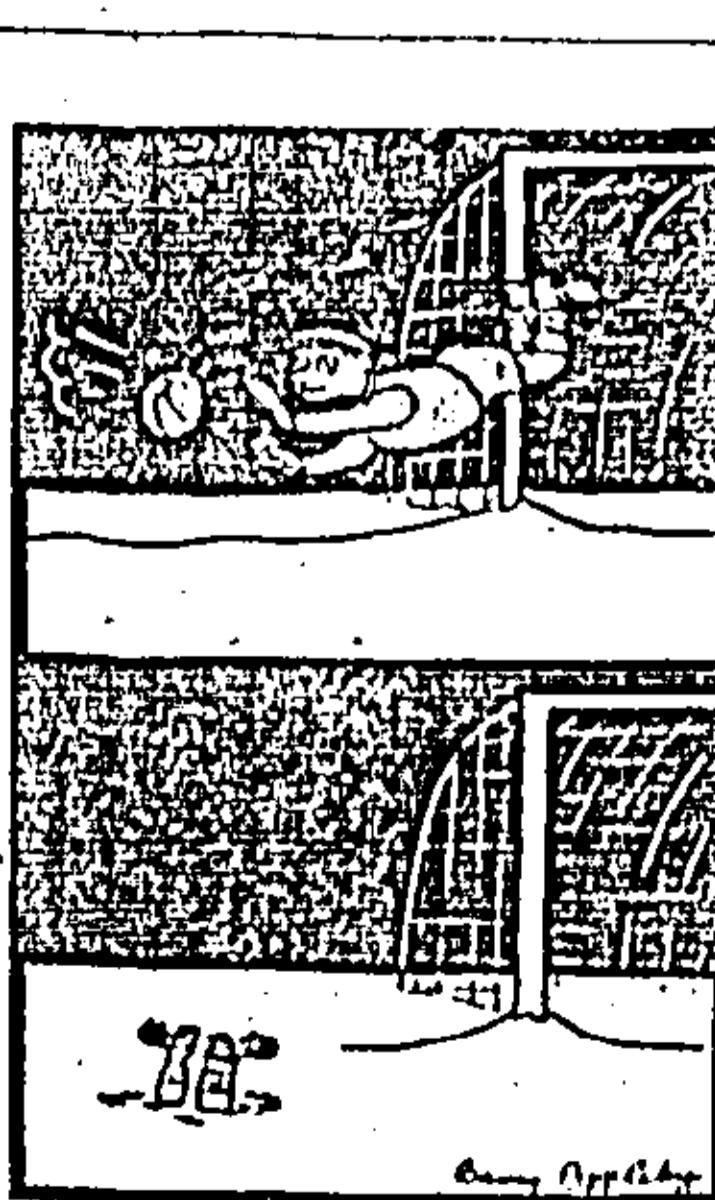
STADIUM PAYS

The Korakuen Stadium people seem to be the only guys making any money out of baseball in Japan. The Korakuen Stadium stock, which has a face value of 20 yen, is quoted today at 635 yen.

Professional club owners have been trying to get the Korakuen Stadium to reduce its cut but each attempt to open negotiations drew the blunt word "no" from the stadium managers. They know very well that they have the only stadium available in Tokyo for such big crowds.

League members, after having their ears pinned back every other day by the Korakuen people, have been working on a project to build their own ball park. But they have run into trouble on this.

The only place they can find to build their proposed 10,000,000 yen stadium is a field on which some 500 repatriated families are now living. There is no likelihood that these repatriates will move unless homes are provided for them somewhere else.



Each Japanese club has 25 to 30 regular players. It has to pay these in addition to new recruits and old players who returned from Japanese armed forces.

The average player gets about 6,000 yen (about US\$120) per month. However, some stars such as pitcher Tetsuji Kawakami get 20,000 yen (US\$600) per month.

Japan's professional baseball league is paradise for a player in which he cannot be fired because the Baseball Players Union is too strong.—United Press.

AUSTRALIAN SWIM PLAN PAYS OFF

By MILLIE HUDSON
British Olympic Representative

Australia's 18-month-old Olympic Games training plan has produced free-style swimmer John Marshall, last year unknown. He recently gained Australia's award for the swimmer nearest world class. Also a back-stroker, 18-year-old Bruce Bourke, who is now returning times comparable to world records.

The Amateur Swimming Union of Australia started this scheme with a panel of 34 swimmers under the presidency of Mr. H. A. Bennett, their representative on the Federation Internationale de Natation Amateur. The ASU's hon. secretary, Mr. W. Berge Phillips, was on the committee.

Not many of the trainees were able to swim. All, after a thorough medical overhaul, were put through a course of sunray treatment and calisthenics, supervised by the physiologist, Professor F. S. Cotton, who is making a scientific study of swimmers.

In the summer, strenuous water work was carried out, and all the contestants showed marked improvement.

27sec. Off Record

Seventeen-year-old John Marshall, of Victoria, won four national titles at his initial attempt—all free-style distances except the 110 yards sprint. His time of 20min. 23.4sec. for the 1,650 yards clinched 27 seconds off the Australian record.

Marshall has exceptional flotation and swims with a beautifully easy stroke stroke. It is said to be reminiscent of the natural crawl of "Boy" Charlton, who, in winning the 1,600 metres freestyle Olympic title at 16, in 1924, bettered by 1min. 3.4sec. the existing record and started people talking of "the Australian crawl."

Marshall's stroke varies a little in that he has a fast driving, even kick, more rapid than Charlton's which contained an occasional scissor movement between the thighs. Bruce Bourke won last February the 110 yards national backstroke championship in 1min. 13.4sec. (Olympic 100 metres record is 1min. 5.0sec.). He has improved a great deal since then and recently swam 200 yards backstroke in 11min. 22.2sec., which is considered a possible unofficial world record. No world record exists for this distance.

Longest distance world backstroke record is for 400 metres. The time for it of 5min. 10sec., was set by the American, Adolph Klefer, holder of all men's backstroke world records. His 800 yards time of 11min. 31.2sec., listed in the men's noteworthy performances this year, is 0.2sec. slower than Bourke's. Both swam over 20-yard courses.

SPORTS DIARY

TODAY

Football—1st Division

Sookunpoo—RAF v. S. China, 4 p.m.
Navy—Navy v. Buffs, 4 p.m.
Police—Kwong Wah v. 25th RA, 4 p.m.
Caroline Hill—St. Joseph's v. K. Motor Bus, 4 p.m.

2nd Division "A"

Sookunpoo—IIQLF v. RAOC, 2.30 p.m.
Navy—Kitchie v. St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.
Caroline Hill—S. China v. K. Motor Bus, 2.30 p.m.

2nd Division "B"

Police—RAMC v. Chinese AA, 2.30 p.m.
Valley—Chinese Cadre v. Sing Tao, 2.30 p.m.
Valley—Electric v. RASC, 4 p.m.

Cricket

KCC—KCC v. CCC, 2 p.m.
Craigengower—CCC v. KCC "A", 2 p.m.
Sookunpoo—IRC v. Recrelo, 2 p.m.
HKCC—HKCC v. University, 2 p.m.

Rugby

Club—Quadrangular Tournament: Club v. RAF and Police, 4.15 p.m.

Lawn Bowls

KBG—Farewell match to Mr. H. Nish, 2.30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Football—1st Division

Sookunpoo—Innisks v. Chinese AA, 4 p.m.
Police—Police v. Sing Tao, 4 p.m.
Navy—Kitchie v. Eastern, 4 p.m.

2nd Division "A"

Navy—Navy v. Taikoo, 2.30 p.m.
Police—Eastern v. Police, 2.30 p.m.
Sookunpoo—Dockyard v. WD Chinese, 2.30 p.m.

2nd Division "B"

Caroline Hill—S. China v. Signals, 4 p.m.
Valley—25th RA v. REME, 4 p.m.

Softball

Sing Tao—starters slight favourites.

Badminton On Monday

The first badminton league season since 1941 opens on Monday night with 14 men's doubles teams engaged.

Senior and junior teams will be opposed this year, although separate trophies will be competed for.

The three senior sides are Sing Tao, University and Recrelo, with Sing Tao starting slight favourites. University "B"; Recrelo "B"; Chinese YMCA, KCC "A" and St. Teresa's "A" are expected to be the most prominent contenders for the junior honours.

Monday's matches are:

Men's Doubles

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Men's Doubles

Monday, January 12.—University "B"

Are You Sure?

Answers on Page 10

1. Which of these great painters designed a flying machine?
Whistler, Fra Angelico, Moroni, Turner, Leonardo da Vinci?

2. Can you name a common British weed from which may be made—
Wine, coffee, salad, cure for warts?

3. Ally Sloper was—
Steep lane; comic character in newspaper, Turkish migrant, large marble?

4. Can you name the countries from which these football teams came—
All Blacks, Springboks, Dymamos, Wallabies?

5. One of these counties has no seacoast—
Westmorland, Glamorgan, Hereford, Dorset, Cumberland, Durham?

6. If you were to lapidate a coconut you would—
Peel it with stones, drink the milk, cut it in pieces, shave it?

7. The busiest railway station in the world is in—
London, Chicago, Tokyo, New York, Calcutta, Melbourne?

8. A cromlech is—
Rock of Oliver Cromwell, prehistoric structure of stone, reddish brown ore?

9. An ecologist collects—
Birds' eggs, clocks, fine prints, dust?

10. Which of these Dickens' characters knew Mr Wackford Squeers—
Oliver, Twist, Nicholas Nickleby, Tiny Tim, Mr Pickwick?

William Barkley SAYS YOUTH IS THE TIME TO JUMP

YOUTH is the time for getting on. To get on! It was a great phrase in the circumstances of my boyhood in Scotland. "You want to get on, don't you?" was what the teacher said when I was dull.

I am often told that young people are not so ambitious nowadays in Britain as they used to be. I don't believe a word of it. The truth as I see it is that the majority of people never did and do not now want to get on.

They don't object to being got on. Jimmy Maxton used to say with a philosophic smile that most men do not want to reach the top of the ladder.

Let such be content with the lot to which they call themselves. Let them grasp that unequal exertions will always reap unequal rewards. If they lack ambition let them seek happiness in little things.

They have all but one life to live. Do not burn it up with greed and envy of those who have been more industrious or enterprising.

In a sentence

TIS to ambitious youth that I direct my megaphone. Here in one sentence are the fruits of a quarter of a century's observation on this topic. If you don't like the job you are in—jump out of it.

If you see somewhere else to land, so much the better. If you don't, then take a leap in the dark. And keep jumping until you make a happy landing.

Youth is the time to jump. When you are older with a wife and children on your back you will not be so good at the long jump.

Youth is the time of spring. "Spring it was when the world began," sings Vergil. Ver illud erat. And if you detect a pun between "spring" and "jump" then blame not me but the wonderful English language which provides more fun than any other in throwing it about.

Get learning

YOUTH is the time to get as big a cargo of book-learning aboard as possible. You will never again have as much time to read until you reach the slippered ease of senility.

Youth is the time to collect paper qualifications, degrees, memberships of technical and learned associations, bits of parchment in which one college head or another in flowing Latin will order the whole world to address you as Magister or Master.

Nobody will ever obey the college head. But it is astonishing and absurd the attention that bosses and old fozzles in general will pay to a little bit of parchment rather than to the evidence of capacity in a young fellow's personality.

Your budget

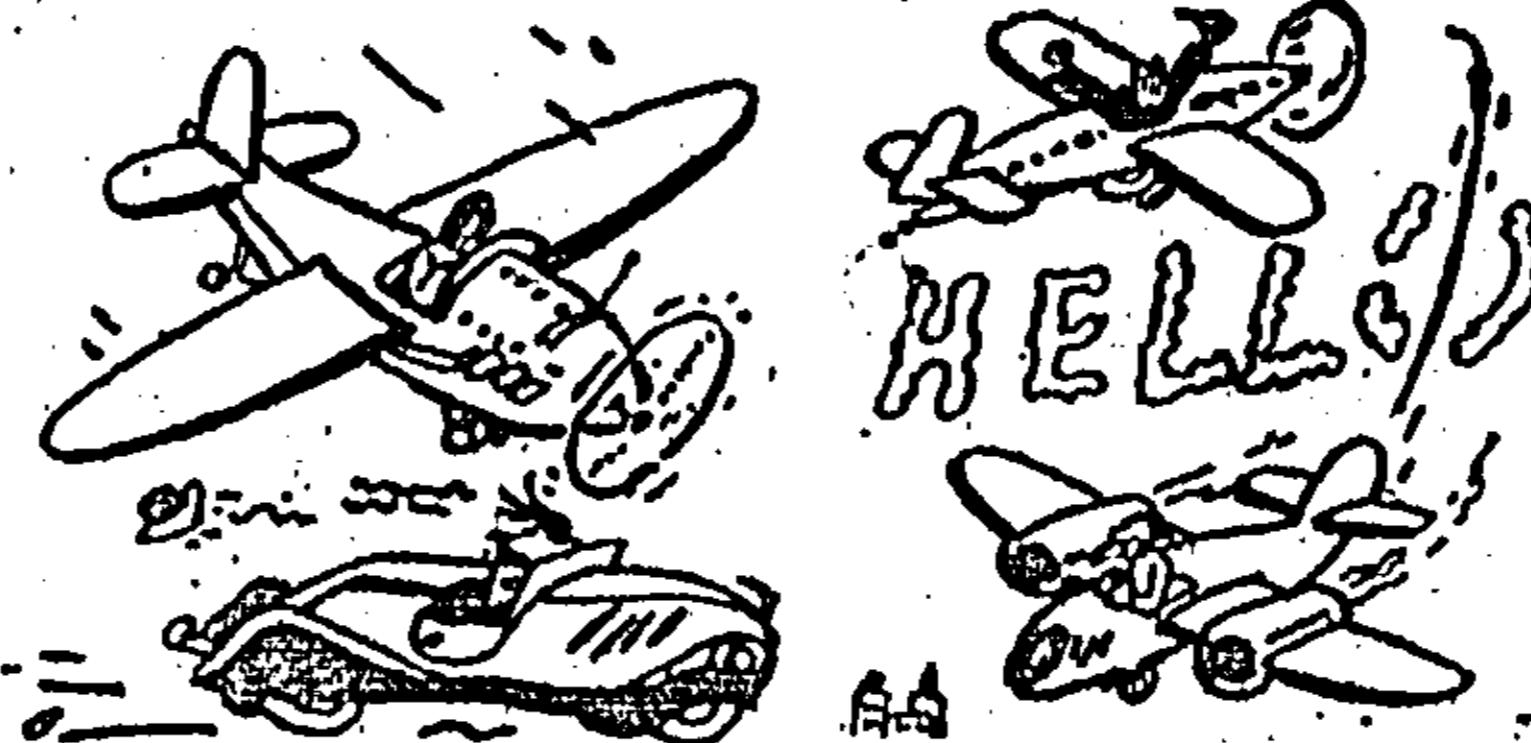
YOUTH is the time to learn to balance your budget. No matter how small your income, live within it. See that your outgoings total less each week than your incomings. Put a little bit away each week.

At the period of the most grossly inflated prices we have ever known in Britain, just after the second last German havoc in 1918, I saved a lot of money in a professional life on £3 a week. I rented a room with another fellow, furnished it with two Army camp beds, and we cooked our own breakfast and supper.

It is not to say you should never borrow money or take a loan for a business venture. But never take your living expenses on tick.

And what is it makes me talk as if I were an old man? Why, because I fell in recently with a company of old men. Splendid, solid,

NOT ALWAYS PLAIN FLYING



1. Signals sent up by spark plugs of cars are confusing homing devices on passenger planes.

Instead of being guided to an airport, the planes follow streams of cars along national highways.

This has happened since the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Administration adopted very high frequency glide paths and runway location transmitters to help planes in bad weather.

During a demonstration last year, a machine (it was the same that recently flew itself to and from England on an automatically-controlled pushbutton system) suddenly left the glide path and started to chase cars along a highway adjacent to the landing field.

The pilot had to take over the controls.

2. Airmen who write smoke advertisements high above American cities are forming a "Legion of Hate" against jet pilots.

The leader is Tom Murphy,

who has written 6,000 sky signs

above New York.

These men met no interference beyond normal weather conditions until the U.S. Army started sending up jet planes.

Said Murphy: "Jet boys keep diving through our letters to have some fun, knowing us poor working guys have an air speed of 175 miles an hour. We can't even chase them. Those jet jobs dispel minutes of hard, accurate work in a flash."

The SNAPSHOT GUILD



Animals, like humans, have distinctive character traits. A picture such as this usually paraphrases the expression, "playful as a kitten."

PET PERSONALITIES

SEVERAL months ago a newspaper story appeared which concerned a talking dog. It was offered in good faith. Still, it was hard to believe.

Second, insure naturalness.

Trying to make pets pose is, if anything, even more difficult than trying to make Uncle Jim relax when he faces the camera. As a result, it's wise to have a pet occupied—playing with a ball, feeding, sitting up for a cookie. This enables you to pre-focus your camera, call the animal, and shoot when he's advanced to take the "bait" you've offered.

Third, convey an idea or tell a story. Notice in today's snapshot how the kitten, pushing at a door, seems to sum up the phrase, "playful as a kitten."

Let your pictures show the animal's mood, expression, or character.

This, you'll discover, is the secret of the best animal pictures. A dog may have dignity, a cow calmness, a lamb an almost childish helplessness. The team that pulls a wagon has a look of patient plodding. Monkeys are mischievous. Animals—all of them—have distinct traits. Your best snapshots of them will show these.

John van Guilder

CASINO PLAN FOR TANGIER

There is a movement under way to make the International settlement of Tangier into a rival of Monte Carlo through the legalisation of gambling and the construction of a luxurious casino.

The plan is included in a programme for modernisation of Tangier which is now before the Legislative Assembly.

However, opposition to gambling is gathering and observers predict that there will be difficulty for sponsors of the casino when efforts are made to revoke an article in the Tangier Statute which forbids gambling in the settlement.—Associated Press.

VIGNETTES OF LIFE

"Benefit Performance"
BY KEMP STARRETT

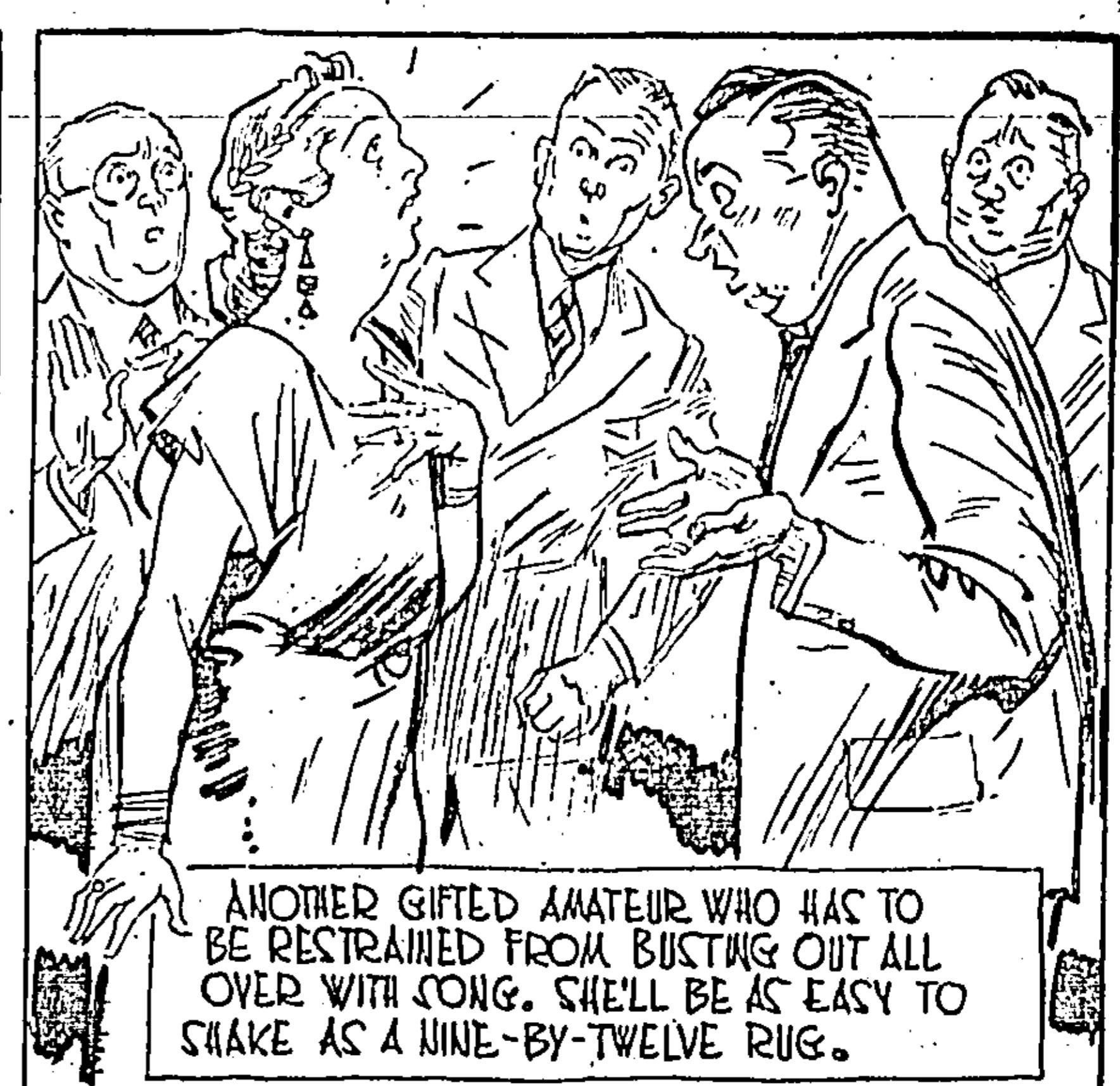
THE PERSON WHO WEARS HIS NOSE AS HIGH AS THE NECK WILL ALLOW WILL BE THE PATRON OF THE WHOLE SHOW. HE CONTRIBUTES NOTHING BUT HIS NAME... AND A HAUGHTY LOOK.

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A GIRL WITH A HAPPY SMILE AND A GOOD FIGURE CAN SELL CHANCES ON A TOOTHACHE.



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Laurel May Run For P.I. Presidency

By RALPH TEATSORTH
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Manila, Jan. 9.—Dr Jose P. Laurel probably will be an important factor in the 1949 Philippines presidential election.

To some Filipinos he is an arch-collaborator with the Japanese; to some, a national hero.

Even though the so-called "puppet" president of the Philippine Republic under Japanese occupation is now on trial on charges of treason, there is no doubt that he is a powerful figure in national politics. The November elections in 1947 proved that.

Laurel's trial as a collaborator began on October 20 but recessed conveniently during the latter part of the campaign. That was to permit him to stamp his own province for an anti-administration candidate for governor.

His candidate, Feliciano Leviste, won the governorship of Batangas province with that undisguised support.

May Challenge Roxas

Behind Manila's political scenes, the wise boys are saying that already two dangerous opposition candidates have appeared as possible challengers of President Manuel A. Roxas in the next presidential election. One is Laurel; the other is Camilo Osias, former Philippine Resident Commissioner in Washington, against whom treason charges still are pending.

The November elections confirmed what most observers already had said—that the brand of "collaborator" no longer carries a political curse here.

In this first national election since the islands became independent in 1946, the charge of collaboration turned out to be an ineffective weapon.

Osias Elected

Osias, education minister under Laurel and leader of the alleged collaborationist Kalibata party at that time, ran sixth among eight candidates elected to the Senate. All senators were elected on a country-at-large basis, so his popularity was not confined to one district.

His victory was the more remarkable because he was the only Nationalist party candidate elected to the Senate. The others were Liberals of the administration party.

Observers doubt that both Laurel and Osias will be presidential candidates. They are not sure yet which will run.

Laurel's trial, although being conducted by an able, sincere prosecutor, Solicitor-General Manuel Lim, is dragging and it is becoming a better bet each day that Laurel will not be convicted.

Decisive Victory

If the administration did not win last year by an overwhelming majority, it at least had a conclusive victory. With seven Liberals elected to the Senate, Roxas is assured of a working majority in the upper house. The new Senate lineup is 17 Liberals out of 24 seats. In the provinces, the Liberals elected 37 out of 45 governors.

The new Senate will have its first woman senator—Mrs Gertrude T. Peeson—who worked for Laurel during the Japanese occupation and who later became social secretary to Roxas. She managed to keep her skirts clean on the collaboration issue and even was credited with assisting the guerrillas under the noses of Laurel and the Japanese.

Wife of a provincial judge, Mrs Peeson is outspoken in her bitter dislike for Osias. She insists he was in reality propaganda minister and responsible for undermining Filipino faith in the return of American forces to the Philippines. On the other hand, she believes that Laurel acted against true Philippine national interests only under heavy Japanese pressure.

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Solution of yesterday's puzzle—

Across: 1, Jerusalem; 4, Affection; 7, Fatigue; 8, Kern; 9, Soles; 12, Occasion; 14, Encoune; 16, See; 1 Down; 18, Taxes; 10, Tops; 20, Add; 21, Connie.

Down: 1 and 16, Jack of all trades; 2, Effect; 3, Scissors; 5, Farce; 6, Nose; 10, London; 11, Once; 13, Antic; 15, Esse; 17, Lad.

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HOW A HOLLYWOOD STAR IS BORN *

SYNOPSIS:

When Kirby, the Paramount talent scout tells "The Blonde" his studio wants to screen test Amber La Vonne, Olga San Juan says she's "Amber" and makes an appointment.



Since Catherine Brown does not know that the talent scout offered the test to Amber La Vonne and mistake "The Blonde" for Amber, she wanders around the lot while Olga San Juan goes to learn about the test. When Catherine sees Gary Cooper, she goes up to him and speaks. Gary, munching

an apple and studying lines, gives Catherine a cheery "Hello!" Next, Catherine sees Sonny Tufts and Mona Freeman. Then director George Marshall rehearses Catherine for a scene with Bing Crosby, who is practising golf shots on a grassy

area of the studio lot. In the scene, Catherine makes Bing's acquaintance when she accidentally gets hit by his not-too-well-aimed golf ball. Their friendship leads to big things for Catherine. (To be continued tomorrow)

Conditions In China's Red Areas

Shanghai, Jan. 9.—The Chinese people in Communist-controlled areas are convinced that the civil war is an all-out conflict, which is dominating their lives just as in the rest of the country.

This is the opinion of two members of an UNRRA team who on Christmas Day returned to their Tientsin headquarters after having been held as hostages by the Communists in exchange for eight members of CLARA who, at that time, were in Nationalist custody.

Miss Winifred Hemingway of Washington, DC., and M. L. Dittman of Chicago, who are now in Shanghai, told the United Press that there are only two things preoccupying the minds of the Chinese people in the Communist areas—the war and the land reform programme.

They said that everybody in the Communist country was engaged in producing, with the accent on food. There are also arms and munitions plants "somewhere in Shantung" and the Communists are using every weapon at their command.

8th Route Army

The Eighth Route Army, the cream of the Communist military machine, was equipped with the best arms, including new rifles and field artillery, but the militia, which is the backbone of the Communist striking force, uses local-made weapons, many of them muzzle-loading.

Both sources said that there was no evidence that the Communists had Russian-made uniforms. Some Communists could be seen wearing Japanese overcoats occasionally, and many of them are wearing United States uniforms. But most part they differ very little from the Nationalist troops in equipment and uniforms.

Asked if there is any evidence of conscription, Dittman said: "We saw no actual signs of conscription. The Communists say there is none. But there is considerable pressure on men to join the Communist Army. Almost in every village you will see signs reading: 'Join the Army to Protect Your Homes.' It is the pressure on men to regard the welfare of the family on which the Communists depend for recruits."

Bus Air Force

The Nationalists have a pretty busy air force, according to Dittman, with both bombers and fighters active in good flying weather. He said the largest Nationalist striking force he saw was a flight of six ships.

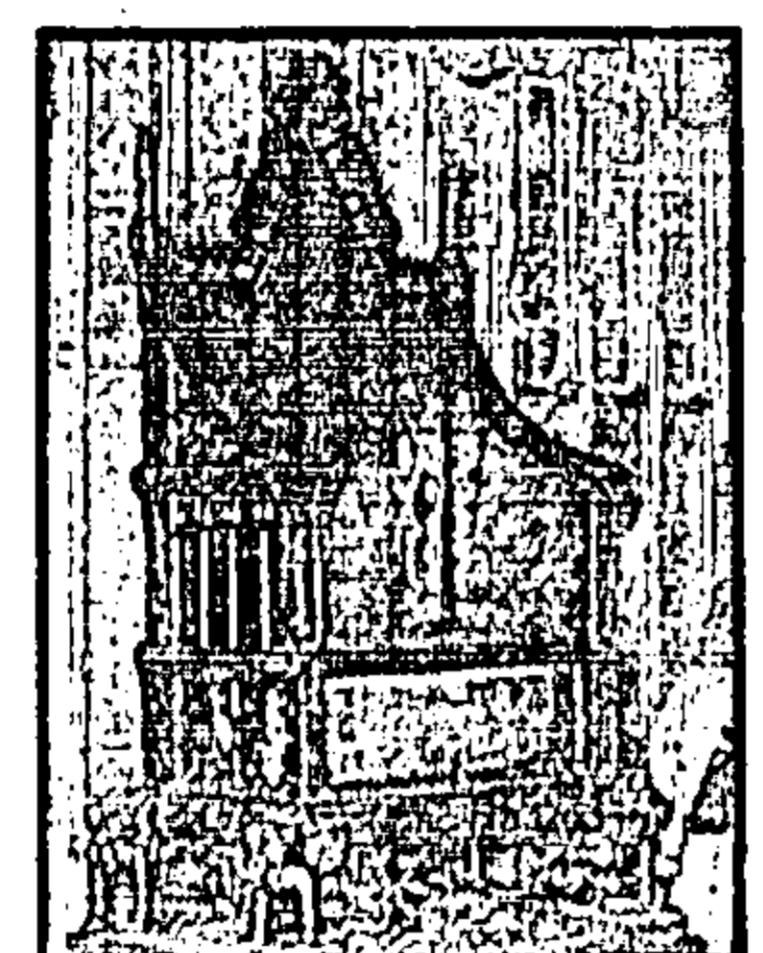
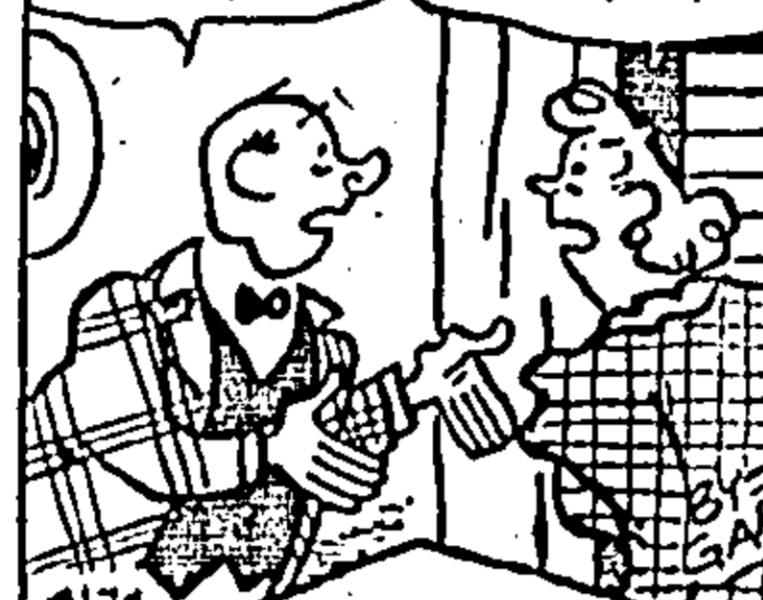
The Government Air Force, regardless of the size of its striking force, however, has forced the Communists to scatter military and administrative headquarters among villages and keep away from larger cities.

Both agreed that the administrative machinery in the Communist territory worked pretty smoothly. Most village officials were elected, but in larger towns and cities an Elective Town Council names the officers while some key posts are appointed by the Party.

The postal system in the border regions is very effective, according to Miss Hemingway. She added that there is apparently more stability in the border region currency exchange than the rest of China.—United Press.

DUMB-BELLS

WHY ARE YOU ANGRY WITH THE DOCTOR?



600-year-old chair

THE Coronation chair in Westminster Abbey is the oldest piece of furniture in London. For over 600 years it has been used for the crowning of English kings and queens.

Underneath the seat is the Stone of Scone which is known to be at least 1,100 years old.

In 1206, after Edward I had defeated Balliol of Scotland at Dunbar, he took the stone—which for four hundred years had been used in the crowning ceremony for Scottish kings—and brought it to London.

The chair was made by Master Walter of Durham, the King's Painter.

The four lions on which the chair rests are not original, but the wood-work is the same as when Edward the Second was crowned in it.

In 600 years the chair has left the Abbey only once. In 1657 it was carried across to Westminster Hall for the appointment of Cromwell as Lord Protector.

Queen Mary I. was the only monarch not to use it. She was so fearful of being polluted by using the same chair as her Protestant brother Edward VI., that a special one was brought from Rome.

Green Corners, Bertha Damon, Michael Joseph, 10s. 6d.) Delightful illustrated book about gardening and the country as seen by a Californian living in New England.

Euphe's Fate, Gordon Sowell, (Gollancz, 6s.) The cause of a United Europe is eloquently pleaded on the highest grounds by a journalist whose gift for writing has been praised by one as exacting as Winston Churchill.

The Provincial Lady, E. M. Dainfield, (Macmillan, 12s. 6d.) Omnibus, assembling in 520 pages the four volumes of this famous diary. How gracefully the Lady defies the years! What value for money is here!

ARE YOU SURE?

ANSWERS

Questions from Page 9

1. Leonardo da Vinci. 2. Dandelion, Taraxacum coffee is made from the roots. Juice of stem in summer will cure warts. 3. Comic character in newspaper called Ally Sloper's Half Holiday. 4. New Zealand, South Africa, Russia, Australia. 5. Hereford. 6. Felt it with stones. 7. Flinders Street, Melbourne. 320,000 passengers on one day. 8. Prehistoric structure of stone. 9. Eggs. 10. Nicholas Nickleby.

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1. Back yard vehicle! 2. A sea-serpent may give you some relief. 3. It's an art. 4. Certainly not open-handed.

1. This kind of sitting should not be dropped. (Two words.)

2. Here's a feature which is a penny to its name, dash it all.

3. Not a strict game point.

4. Pro. Being after I'm on the f'curitie'—it's a stinker.

5. It's a lot.

6. Not a long or short bob—just a bob.

7. Not a lot.

8. Dishes, literally in English.

9. He joins the captain in the Chapel Islands.

10. Not a lot.

11. Early victim of trairicide.

12. Early victim take us around the vessel.

13. Curtain-raiser to "The Tem-

14. Get up game (but not for the fun).

15. Not a lot.

16. Home wind to Mrs. Menzies, please.

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TELEGRAPH WEEK-END PICTORIAL



CUTTING THE CAKE—Above are Mr. Richard Ingleby Cherrill and his bride, formerly Miss Barbara Want Davis, at the reception held after their wedding on Monday. (Photo: Golden Studio)

PICTURE on the right was taken outside the Methodist Church last Saturday after the wedding of Mr. Eric Francis Gee and Miss Jean Jones. (Photo: Watson-Gainsborough)



THE Royal Navy rugby team, which defeated the Army at Happy Valley last week, photographed before the tussle. (Photo: Golden Studio)

THE G.O.C., Major-General G. W. E. J. Erskine, snapped by the photographer during the press conference he gave this week. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



MR. G. M. M. MULDER, General Superintendent of the Java China Packet Line, arrived in Hongkong last week by the ms. Tjilatjapka. He is seen above with Mrs. Mulder. (Photo: Mee Cheung)



GROUP taken after the christening at St. John's Cathedral of Michael and Peter Kwoo, sons of Mr and Mrs John H. L. Kwoo, and of Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Peter H. Sin. (Photo: Francis Wu)



MISSES Francois Volckaert, Chislaine Ubags, Lorette Pham and Joannine Ubags were among the many young ladies who helped to make the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's "Rose Day" a success this year. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



THE HON D. F. Landale, head of Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., welcoming Vice-Admiral and Lady Boyd to the New Year's Eve party at the Company's East Point premises. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



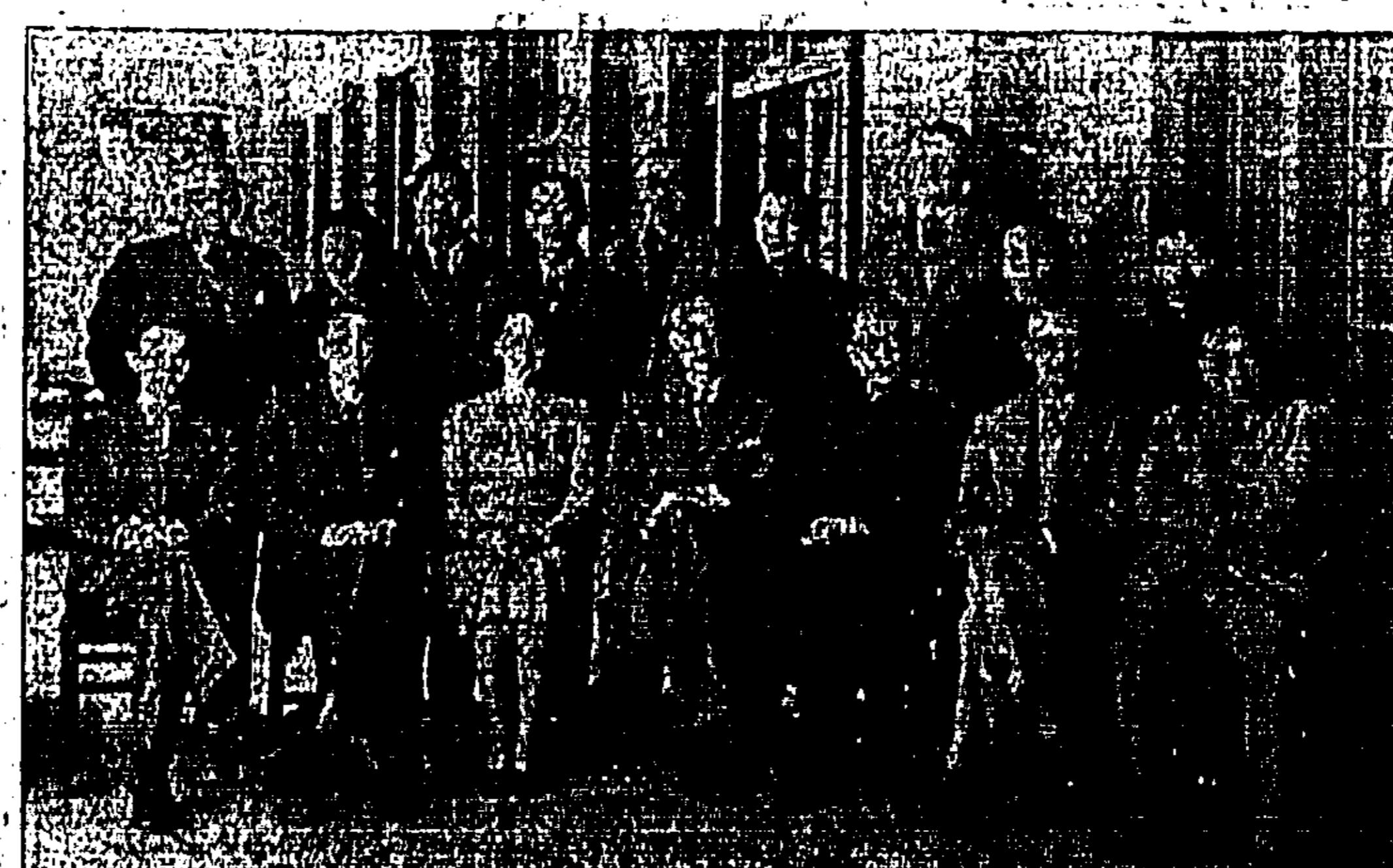
MEMBERS of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club and friends packed the Kellie's Island clubhouse on New Year's Eve, when a dinner dance was held. The above picture gives an idea of the large crowd. (Photo: Mee Cheung)



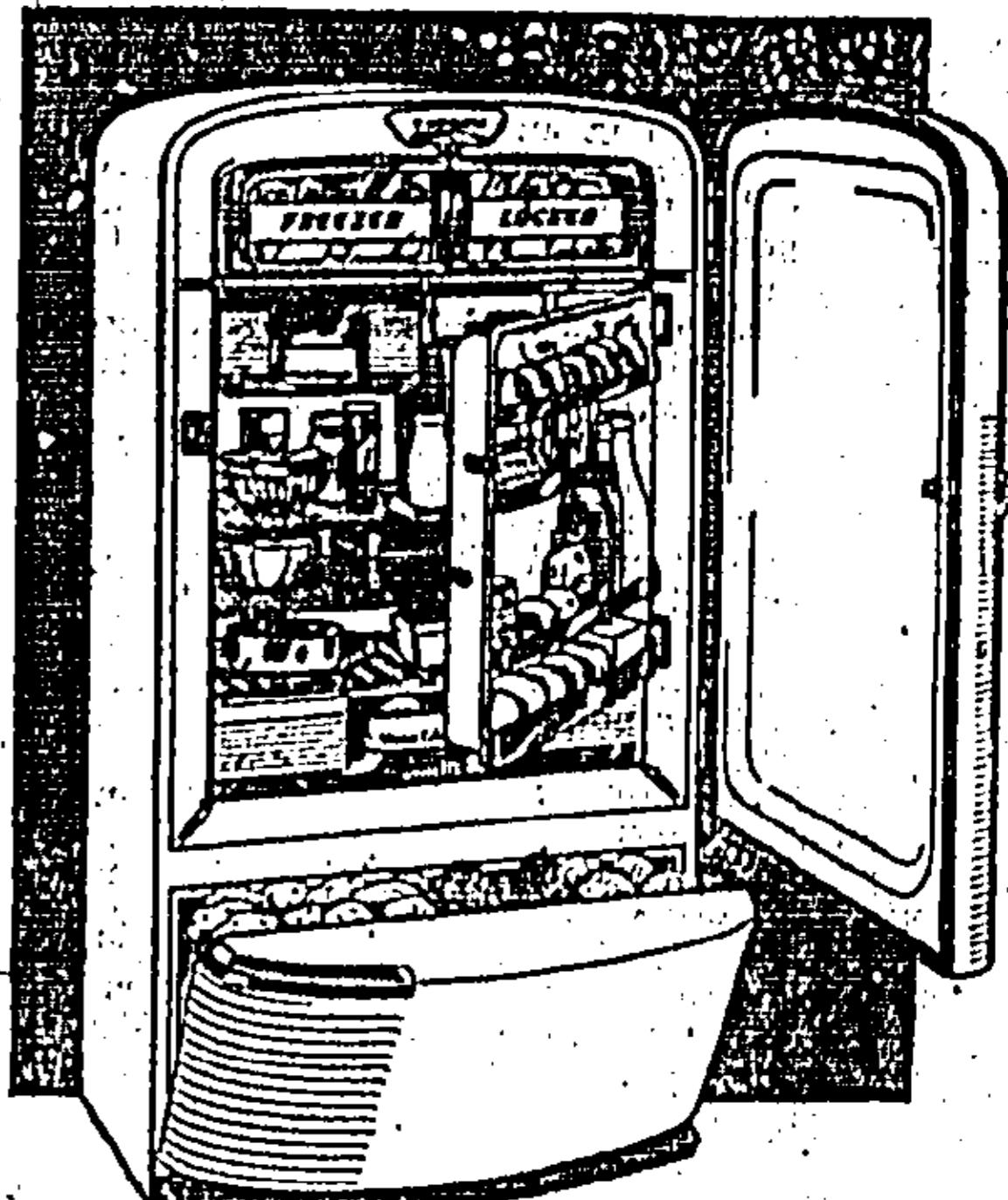
THE first postwar inter-school athletic sports were held on New Year's Day at Caroline Hill. Miss Mui Shun-yan (left) of Hoeng Tao Middle School, won the girls' 50 metres, 100 metres, 200 metres and long jump events. Below are Ling Ying School's teams who won both the senior and junior boys' 400 metres relay races. (Photos: Golden Studio)



PICTURE taken after the christening at St. John's Cathedral on New Year's Day of Kerry Ann, infant daughter of Dr and Mrs E. R. Hackett. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



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JAP PLOT AGAINST OCCUPATION POLICY

RUMANIAN THRONE

LOSES POWERS

Bucharest, Jan. 9.—A government decree today turned over virtually all the powers of the Rumanian throne, vacated by King Michael, to a five-man High Presidium, which also proclaimed a new flag and new coat of arms. The decree will go to the Rumanian Parliament for approval when it reconvenes on January 20.

The decree provides that the oldest man on the five-man Council be President of the Presidium. According to this, the post of President will go to Professor Constantin Parhon, noted historian unaffiliated with any party.—United Press.

ANGLO-IRAQ TREATY PROGRESS

London, Jan. 9.—The meeting between Mr Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, and the Iraq treaty delegation, led by the Iraqi Premier, Sayid Salam Jaber, at the Foreign Office this afternoon, is expected to prove decisive.

Mr Bevin is leaving London this week-end, hoping to resume his interrupted holiday. If this is to prove possible, there remains only some 48 hours in which to bring the negotiations to revise the 1936 Anglo-Iraqi Treaty to a successful conclusion.

Present omens are good. A further morning's hard work in committee was put in today by the Iraqi delegation and Foreign Office experts.

Tomorrow morning, the Foreign Secretary has arranged to see Sir Robert Howe, Governor-General of the Sudan, who is now in London.

Sir Robert will give Mr Bevin the views of the Sudan Government on the constitutional proposals worked out in Khartoum last summer as well as his opinion of the possibility of breaking the deadlock over the Sudan issue, which has, so far, prevented the revision of the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian Treaty.

Sir Robert Howe has already given his views on the constitutional reform proposals to the Egyptian Government in Cairo.

No arrangement has yet been made for the British Ambassador in Cairo, Sir Ronald Campbell, to meet Mr Bevin, but Sir Ronald is at present working daily at the Foreign Office.

He is expected to report to the Foreign Secretary on the prospects of revising the treaty with Egypt before the Foreign Secretary leaves for the country at the week-end.—Reuter.

SPANISH SOCIALISTS ON TRIAL

Ocana, Jan. 9.—When the trial of 17 Spanish Socialists, including four women, began here today, the prosecution demanded sentences ranging from one to 30 years, alleging that the accused wanted to promote revolution.

The defendants are charged with attempting to reorganise a clandestine Socialist Party and forming an executive committee to replace the original committee of the Socialist Party imprisoned in 1946.

The defence asked that the 30-year and the 20-year sentences demanded in six cases should be reduced to six months and the remainder of the accused acquitted.

No violence had been committed, no firearms had been found in the possession of any of the accused and the defendants were all anti-Communists, the defence said.

The sole aim of the accused, the defence said, was to provide a political organisation for such time as there was a change in the regime which, they thought, could be brought about by peaceful means.

The prosecution alleged that the accused wished to promote a revolution "similar to a civil war" and did not modify its demands.—Reuter.

"LION OF KASHMIR" NEW YORK BOUND

Bombay, Jan. 9.—Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah, head of the Kashmir Interim Government, known as the "Lion of Kashmir," arrived here today from Delhi and is due to leave by air for New York tomorrow.

He is joining the Indian delegation at Lake Success, where the Kashmir question will be considered by the United Nations Security Council. Sheikh Abdullah, who is 45, has not been out of India before.—Reuter.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Renewed reports of alleged sabotage of Japan's economic recovery by Japanese officials and businessmen are being circulated in the United States.

The allegation is made that militarists and officials of Japan's post-surrender government are implicated along with business interests and black marketeers.

Summing up the alleged scandal, World Report, weekly news magazine, said:

"Japan's industrial trusts are holding vast hordes of raw materials while shortages strangle production."

"The stocks were looted from Japanese army supplies with official collusion. They are being sold slowly, at a huge profit, in the black market."

"A plot to thwart recovery, boost U.S. expenses, and discourage the occupation, may be involved."

The occupation authorities have so far not taken a hand in the alleged irregularities, it is understood here, but this policy may be changed.

Washington officials concerned with Japanese affairs have long felt that secret efforts were going on in Japan aimed at defeating Allied reparations policies.

Stockpiles Vanish

Japan's war stockpiles, sufficient to supply that nation's peace-time economy "for four years," have

vanded. It is claimed, "and only a tiny proportion was sold legally."

It is claimed that when the Japanese Government decided to surrender in 1945 it ordered materials in stockpiles to be sold for the public benefit.

"High-ranking officers turned over supplies directly to business concerns in exchange for bribes or executive jobs," World Report stated.

"The Zaibatsu companies, Japan's family monopoly powers, obtained the biggest share of the spoils. Much of the loot is gone for good, but other stocks are being recovered by police searches."

FRAUDULENT GAINS

"Politics as well as profits may be involved," the magazine said. "There is evidence that Japan's ultra-conservatives have filled the campaign chest of the Liberal Party with some of the fraudulent gains."

"Some observers feel," World Report concluded, "the whole situation was part of an organised plot, designed to shore up the economic power of the family trusts, tide them through the occupation period and help them regain control of Japan."

World Report continued with this story of alleged happenings:

Most of the supplies were taken by "control associations" and "control companies," which had semi-governmental status. Actually, these were controlled by the Zaibatsu families, which had handled allocation and distribution of materials during the war. The evidence indicates they "allocated" the loot among their own companies.

GOVERNMENT LOSERS

Zaibatsu companies were able to obtain materials at official prices, heard them speculatively and resell them through the black market for 10 to 50 times as much. There is evidence that 800,000 pairs of socks, sold by the government for one-fifth of a yen per pair, were resold at 80 yen.

Actually the government received nothing at all for most of the supplies. Less than 2,000,000,000 yen was collected for goods worth between 100 and 200 billion yen at official prices.

The total quantity of goods carted off may never be known. About 24,000 dumps at arsenals, warehouses and government factories were involved.

If the Japanese Government had obtained full payment for its stockpiles, it would have had enough to cover all deficit budgets and occupation costs since the surrender.—Associated Press.

FIGHTING IN KASHMIR

New Delhi, Jan. 9.—A Government committee today said that the Indian Army in Kashmir had launched an attack on rebel positions around Nushera, 90 miles southwest of Srinagar. It said fighting was bitter and the Moslem rebels had been reinforced with 50 truckloads of soldiers during the night. It also said an Indian patrol clashed with a Moslem force of 200 men near the Pakistan border, killing 30 and driving the rest into Pakistan.

The report said Indian fighter planes strafed Moslem positions elsewhere in Kashmir. It said there was "nothing to report" from the area of Uri, 50 miles west of Srinagar, where Moslem forces were reported to be massing for an attack against the Kashmiri capital.

Reports from the front indicated that the Kashmiri war, which was started ten weeks ago by lightly-armed guerrilla forces protesting the State's merger with Hindu India, had now developed into almost a formal battle.—United Press.

U.S. TAX CUT PROPOSAL

Washington, Jan. 9.—Speaker Joseph W. Martin, Republican of Massachusetts, said today he expects the House to pass, about January 20, the Knutson bill cutting personal income taxes by \$5,000,000 yearly. All signs point to an easy victory for the Knutson bill, despite President Truman's recommendation of a far different individual tax cutting plan. Mr Truman proposed \$40 credit for each taxpayer dependent, effective this year. The loss in revenue would be made up by an increase in corporate taxes.—Reuter.

The Knutson legislation would go much further. It would increase personal exemptions from the present \$500 to \$600, extend to all states the right of husband and wife of split income for tax purposes and cut taxes 10 percent in high brackets and 30 percent in low brackets.

The House Republican Steering Committee will discuss the legislation on Monday. It is expected to endorse the principles of the Knutson bill and give it the green light and speedy passage.

Senate leaders are not committed to the Knutson plan.—United Press.

LOVERS TRIED SUICIDE

Kamakura, Jan. 9.—A 20-year-old Japanese policeman and an 18-year-old telephone switchboard girl drank poison at a Japanese "inn" here in a double love-suicide attempt. Doctors rescued the policeman but the girl died.

It was the second case of love suicide reported since January 1 but the first in the vicinity of Tokyo.—United Press.

Government "Insiders" Traded In Commodities

Washington, Jan. 9.—Mr Harold E. Stassen, a Republican candidate for the Presidential nomination this year, today told the Senate Appropriations Sub-Committee that high Administration "insiders" had made a profit of about \$4,000,000 by trading in commodities since the war.

Mr Stassen also told the Sub-Committee, inquiring into speculation, that Mr Edwin W. Pauley, Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, "did not make a full disclosure" of his trading activities when he appeared before the Committee last month.

Mr Stassen said that his information was that Mr Pauley had actually made a profit of approximately \$1,000,000 through his trading and did not lose \$100,000 as Mr Stassen said Mr Pauley had inferred.

He urged the committee to "carry through" a complete investigation, declaring that the integrity of the Government was involved.—Reuter.

TALKS ON INDONESIA FACE TOTAL COLLAPSE

Batavia, Jan. 9.—Unless a compromise on the Indonesian "cease fire" issue is reached before next week, the Dutch-Indonesian negotiations, sponsored by the Security Council's "Good Offices" Committee, are in danger of collapsing, it was reliably learned here tonight.

GREEK REBEL GUERRILLAS REINFORCED

Athens, Jan. 9.—The War Minister, George Stratos, said today that two regiments of guerrillas, believed to have come from Albania, had been reported in Bulgaria opposite the Greek border.

Mr Stratos said it was believed they came through Yugoslavia following the guerrillas' defeat at Konitsa and the retreat into Albania.

Cmdr Morton Sunderland, United States naval attaché, said the United States Mediterranean Fleet was engaging in manoeuvres, described as "routine training exercises," which might bring it within sight of Greece and the Greek Islands.—United Press.

RUMOURS DENIED

Budapest, Jan. 9.—The rumours that a special brigade was being recruited in Hungary to join the "Free Greek Government" of General Markos were denied here today by the Under-Secretary for Information.

Speaking at a press conference, he said that no force was being recruited, and that General Markos had no official or unofficial representative in Hungary.—Reuter.

AID FUNDS NEAR END

Athens, Jan. 9.—Greece will have exhausted \$300,000,000 of United States aid by June 30, Mr Dwight Griswold, head of the United States Aid Mission in Greece, declared today, according to the Athens news agency.

Mr Griswold added that he hoped that, meanwhile, the European aid programme would include Greece after April 1.

A military programme would be financed out of the total earmarked for reconstruction of the country.

All aid beyond June 30, he emphasised, would require new credits. Personally, he hoped for further aid to Greece, but Congress would have to decide.

"The aid of the American Mission in Greece is the improvement of economic conditions, and I believe we shall achieve it," he added.—Reuter.

NO SUMMARIES

Washington, Jan. 9.—The United States Navy today followed up the announcement that Greece had received six motor gunboats under the Greek aid programme with a denial that any submarines were to be sent to Greece.

The denial followed a statement by Mr Carl Vinson, Congressman from Georgia, to correspondents that six submarines would also be transferred to Greece.

Mr Vinson, a member of the Armed Services Committee of the Lower House, said, following the Navy denial, that he had meant to say "six gunboats" not submarines.

He correspondents when he spoke to them after today's announcement that the United States was transferring four fleet type submarines to Turkey and that Greece had received the gunboats.—Reuter.

MARSHALL DENIES RUMOUR

Washington, Jan. 9.—Gen. George Marshall, Secretary of State, today denied reports that he would resign if Congress failed to give him adequate funds to carry out the European recovery programme.

"It would be inconsistent with everything I have learnt in public service," he said.

"I might be asked to retire, but that is a different matter!"—Reuter.

ALL-INDIA TENNIS

Madras, Jan. 9.—In the All-India tennis singles semi-finals, Bergelin beat Appa Rao 6-1, 6-3, and Johansson beat A. E. Owen 6-0, 6-3.

In the doubles quarter-finals, Johansson and Bergelin beat Thatlam Menon 7-5, 6-2. Johansson and Bergelin beat Appa Rao and Narayana Rao 6-4, 6-3 in the semi-finals.

In the mixed doubles quarter-finals, Miss Kishan and Johansson beat Mrs. Tew and Tow 7-5, 6-0. Miss Woodbridge and Bergelin beat Miss Roberts and F. C. Desaram 3-0, 6-0, 7-5.—Reuter.

BRITISH ZONE FOOD CRISIS

London, Jan. 9.—Urgent top-level consultations are going on among ministers and officials dealing with occupied Germany here today in an effort to deal with the worsening of food supplies in the British zone and to prevent a repetition of the springtime food crisis of last year.

Responsible quarters here are fully aware of the deterioration of the effective rations in the zone, and particularly in the Ruhr, even before the outbreak of local strikes drew attention to it.

The rations effectively distributed had fallen from around 1,500 calories for normal consumers to some 1,234 calories by the end of the last rationing period, with each week's actual distribution lagging somewhat behind the rations called up.

The distribution in some areas is slightly higher and more effectively supplemented by "black market" supplies, but the downward trend has been noticeable and the process has not so far been checked.

The failure to maintain the rations is entirely due to the virtual collapse in the distribution of potatoes, meats and fats as between the different German states.

The refusal of the states to share their surplus fairly, despite orders from the bi-zonal food office, has been one of the principal reasons for strengthening the central powers now proposed by the British and Americans.—Reuter.

OUTWARD MAIIS

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcel posts close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mail close before 12 noon, registered and parcel posts close at 3 p.m. on service day.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

Closing Times by Air

Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao and Peking, 2.30 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea & Train

Macao, Tsinan, Shekki (Sea) 1 p.m.

Japan (ordinary letters & cards only) 2 p.m.

Shanghai (Sea) 3 p.m.

Canton (Sea) 3 p.m.

B.C. (Sea) 3 p.m.

Macao, Tsinan, Shekki & Kiongkong (Sea) 4 p.m.

Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

Closing Times by Air

Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Ceylon and Auckland, 10 a.m.

Calcutta, Madras and Peking, 10 a.m.

Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao and Peking, 10 a.m.

Closing Times by Sea & Train

Macao, Tsinan, Shekki (Sea) 8 a.m.

Macau, Tsinan, Shekki & Kiongkong (Sea) 10 a.m